

## Testimony Against HB0133

Please consider amending HB0133.

The bill wants to support research for preparing a monument to honor African American Civil War (AACW) soldiers who fought for the Union Army in Maryland.

What is the definition of AACW soldiers who fought for the Union Army in Maryland?

Who would be included or excluded based on that statement?

Will it include any Union AACW soldiers who were in a battle fought in Maryland such as Antietam, or just Union AACW soldiers from Maryland who were in a battle fought in Maryland?

Would Union AACW soldiers from Maryland who fought in other battles, but did not fight in Maryland be excluded or included?

What would be the status of Confederate AACW soldiers, if any, who may have been forced to fight battles in Maryland or were from Maryland and fought in battles in other states.

I believe the eligibility for inclusion should be better defined before the bill is passed.

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