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**HB 133 - Commission to Study African American Civil War Soldiers in Maryland**

Chairwoman Pena-Melnyk, Vice-Chair Cullison and members of the Health Government Operations Committee,

I am writing to offer my full support of House Bill 133, Commission to Study African American Civil War Soldiers in Maryland. Recognizing these true Maryland heroes who overcame prejudice and numerous other obstacles to help defend and save the Union. As the Senator for Westminster, with its own African American cemetery that is the resting place for many African-American veterans (Ellsworth Cemetery), this is especially poignant. The bill has my full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Ready".

Senator Justin Ready