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Testimony in Support of HB55

Testimony by Delegate Andrew Pruski

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What the Bill Does:

This bill is designed to establish the Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families. This commission is tasked with studying, developing, and implementing a strategic plan to further the Maryland's mission to be the best state for veterans and their families.

Why the Bill is Important:

The Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families brings together a robust coalition of members to include both current and former members House and Senate who serve or have served as members of the Veterans Caucus, advocates, the different branches of the military, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Adjutant General, alongside the chairs or designees of the Maryland Veterans' Commission, Maryland Veterans' Home Commission, and the Maryland College Collaboration for Student Veterans Commission. Their recommendations will be the backbone for the development and implementation of the strategic plan for making Maryland the best state for veterans and military families.

Why the Committee Should Vote Favorably:

HB55 furthers Maryland's goal to be the best state for veterans and military families. The Maryland Commission on Veterans and Military Families will supply recommendations for the development and implementation of the strategic plan to complete our goal. **On behalf of Maryland's veterans and families, I urge a favorable report on HB55.**