



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Chair Joseline Pena-Melnyk
Health and Government Operations Committee

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership

DATE: February 5, 2024

RE: **HB0850 - State Procurement - Small Business Preference Procurement**

The Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB0850 - State Procurement - Small Business Preference Procurement**

This bill was sponsored by Delegate Chris Tomlinson for the purpose of improving the small business preference program by allowing its usage by all State Agencies. In addition, **HB0850** will also allow contracts to be awarded to small businesses through both the small business preference program and the small business reserve program.

The Veterans Caucus mission is to study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economics, training, and health. And to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of the veterans in the State.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Review Board offers and **recommends support and a favorable report of HB0850.**

Thank you,

Mike Rogers

Delegate Mike Rogers
House Chair, Veterans Caucus

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