

Carol A. Beatty, Secretary
Anne Blackfield, Deputy Secretary

Wes Moore, Governor
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor



DATE: March 18, 2025

BILL: SB 172 – Maryland Veterans Trust – Board of Trustees - Membership

COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations

POSITION: Favorable

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk,

The Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) is pleased to submit this letter of support for SB 172 – Maryland Veterans Trust – Board of Trustees – Membership. This bill alters the membership of the Board of Trustees to include the Secretary of Disabilities or the Secretary's designee.

Of the approximately 390,000 veterans residing in Maryland, nearly 80,000 have a service-connected disability. MDOD is honored to be invited to contribute our perspectives, experiences, and body of knowledge as a member of the Board of Trustees.

I respectfully request a favorable report for this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Beatty".

Carol A. Beatty
Secretary

