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The House Judiciary Committee  
The Honorable Luke Clippinger  
6 Bladen Street,  
House Office Building, Room 101  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: HB1060 Judicial and Public Safety for Service Members Act**

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Committee:

HB1060 will broaden the definition for the term "Uniform Services" to encompass most individuals who meet the requirements of military status and serve in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service.

This newly defined term, "Uniform Services", will where appropriate, be applied to various statutory provisions in the Articles of the Maryland Code. Specifically, Articles of the Maryland Code will be changed to indicate that the term "Armed Forces" will no longer be used to represent a broad coalition of individuals serving in the military but instead it will be replaced with the universal term, "Uniform Services" which more broadly defines most individuals with a military status. The following Articles of the Maryland Code will be affected by the change: Correctional Services, Courts & Judicial Proceedings, Criminal Law, Public Safety, Family Law, General Provisions, State Government Articles, and Real Property.

**I respectfully request your favorable report on HB1060.**

Sincerely,

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