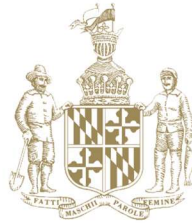


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**Testimony In Support of SB 500 - Washington County - Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans - Eligibility**

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Budget & Tax Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 500 to you today. SB 500 seeks to authorize Washington County to close the meaningful gap in current law by including members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Public Health Service in Washington County's disabled veterans' property tax credit.

NOAA and Public Health Service officers are included in the federal definition of Uniformed Services. They serve under federal authority and in many cases face serious risk in the line of duty. When that service results in a permanent, service-connected disability, they should have the opportunity to utilize the property tax credit already available to other uniformed service members.

This bill does not expand the program beyond its original intent. It solely ensures equal treatment for all who served honorably and are recognized by the VA as permanently disabled.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. D. Corderman".

Senator Paul D. Corderman – District 2, Washington & Frederick Counties