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Testimony In Support of SB 501 - Washington County - Property Tax Credit - Platoon 22, Incorporated

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

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 501. SB 501 requires Washington County and its municipalities to grant a property tax credit on real property owned by Platoon 22, Inc. and used to provide housing for veterans. By eliminating local property taxes on these properties, the bill directly supports efforts to expand and sustain housing options for those who have served our country.

This targeted tax credit ensures that more resources can be directed toward services and support rather than operating costs.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 501.

Sincerely,

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

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

February 12, 2026

Senator Guy Guzzone
Budget and Taxation Committee
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support for Senate Bill 501 – Washington County Property Tax Credit – Platoon 22, Incorporated

Dear Senator Guzzone,

The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") unanimously support the passage of SB 501. As currently drafted, SB 501 would require the Board to grant a property tax credit equal to 100% of the County or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property owned by Platoon 22, Incorporated, and used to provide housing to veterans.

Platoon 22, Inc., is a nonprofit organization focused on combating veteran suicide and fostering meaningful connections and comprehensive support for veterans. They provide mental health support, housing assistance, transportation, create peer support groups and other community-building efforts, and work to raise awareness about veteran suicide and mental health issues.

The State of Maryland is proud of its veterans, and the Board wishes to show further support to veterans in Washington County by enacting legislation that supports Platoon 22, Inc.'s mission. Specifically, SB 501 will reduce the tax burden for real property Platoon 22, Inc. owns, provided that the real property is being used to provide housing to veterans. The fiscal impact of SB 501 is minimal to the State—indeed the bill only purports to provide property tax credits for county or municipal property taxes. Accordingly, this bill will aid veterans and promote community support without constituting any strain on State resources.

For these reasons, the Board respectfully asks that the Committee issue a favorable report and support the passage of SB 501.

Sincerely,

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