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SB192 / HB0270 – Military Family Inclusion Act

SUPPORT

Carrington & Associates, LLC strongly supports Senate Bill 192 and its crossfile, House Bill 270, the Military Family Inclusion Act. This legislation ensures that State boards and commissions include representation from military families and veterans, including those living with service-connected disabilities, whose lived experiences are directly affected by the policies under consideration.

Maryland is home to thousands of veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other recent conflicts and returned home with injuries that will affect them, and their loved ones, for the rest of their lives. Those experiences are not abstract and they are not theoretical. They shape daily life, access to services, caregiving responsibilities, and long-term quality of life. Those perspectives must be present when decisions that impact these realities are introduced, discussed, and advanced. This bill ensures that they are.

The Military Family Inclusion Act strengthens decision-making by embedding lived experience directly into governance. Including military-connected and differently-abled individuals at the table improves deliberation, credibility, and public trust, and ensures that policies are informed by reality rather than assumption.

I also support this bill from a personal standpoint. I am a proud son of a United States Marine and the former Lead Cadet for the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Kitty Hawk Division. Service changes lives and it changes families, often permanently. This bill acknowledges that truth and reflects it in how Maryland structures its public institutions.

For these reasons, Carrington & Associates, LLC strongly supports Senate Bill 192 and House Bill 270 and respectfully requests a favorable report.