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**Senate Bill 46 - State Veterans' Cemeteries - Interment
SUPPORT**

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The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Finance Committee
3 East Miller Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Committee Members,

The Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families (DVMF) is committed to leading veterans and their families through life's transitions, making Maryland the best state for military-connected communities. DVMF's Cemetery and Memorial Program offers our honored veterans and their eligible dependents a final resting place at one of five state veterans cemeteries located throughout Maryland. Our department supports Senate Bill 46 - State Veterans' Cemeteries - Interment.

This technical but important bill amends Maryland law to mirror the National Cemetery Administration's federal terminology regarding interment costs and arrangements. We support the General Assembly's continued effort to expand eligibility, align with federal language, and modernize the veteran and military-connected definitions across the Code. This bill has no fiscal impact.

Thank you for your time, and I respectfully ask the committee for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward C. Rothstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ed Rothstein
Acting Secretary