



MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

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The Honorable Jheanelle Wilkins
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: **Request FAVORABLE Report** – SB0194 – Income and Property Tax Incentives – Members and Veterans of the Space Force – Application

Dear Chair Wilkins and distinguished members of the Ways and Means Committee,

On behalf of the members of the Maryland Military Coalition (MMC) and as its Legislative Director, I write to recommend a **FAVORABLE report** by the Committee on **SB0194, Income and Property Tax Incentives – Members and Veterans of the Space Force – Application**, sponsored by Senator Bryan Simonaire. This bill is a continuation of the centralization and modernization of Maryland's Code with respect to military terms, synchronizing it with the federal code related to the armed forces by including the Space Force. **SB0194 was unanimously passed by the Senate.**

The MMC supports this bill as it updates three Articles of the Maryland Code by including members and veterans of the Space Force. The Space Force was created in 2019. It was established to organize, train and equip space forces to protect U.S. and allied interests in space, taking over the functions of the former U.S. Air Force Space Command. This bill will provide these individuals with the same privileges already in the Code for members and veterans of the other branches of the armed forces.

The Maryland Military Coalition **supports SB0194** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report from the Ways and Means Committee.

The Maryland Military Coalition is a registered non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization comprised of prominent Maryland-based veteran and military groups, representing over 150,000 service-connected individuals, including those currently serving, veterans, retirees and their families, caregivers, and survivors. See the attached list of member organizations.

We want to thank Senator Simonaire for sponsoring this legislation and his strong commitment to the uniformed services community in Maryland.

Respectfully,

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Legislative Director



Member Organizations of the Maryland Military Coalition

Air Force Sergeants Association

American Military Society

American Minority Veterans Research Project

Association of the United States Navy

Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service

Disabled American Veterans

Fleet Reserve Association of Annapolis

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A

Maryland Air National Guard Retirees' Association

National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Maryland Veterans

Maryland Veterans Chamber of Commerce

Military Officers Association of America

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Military Order of the World Wars

Montford Point Marines of America

National Association of Black Veterans

National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Maryland Veterans

Naval Enlisted Reserve Association

NOAA Association of Commissioned Officers

Reserve Organization of America

Society of Military Widows

Veterans of Foreign Wars