



## TESTIMONY

**COMMITTEE:** House Ways and Means

**DATE:** March 31, 2026

**POSITION:** Favorable

**BILL:** SB 980

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports Senate Bill 980 as amended, which authorizes local governments to establish criteria for providing disabled veterans and their surviving spouses with a local option property tax credit.

Municipal leaders are best positioned to balance the noble goal of providing veteran tax relief with the necessity of maintaining essential local services. By shifting the authority to set these specific parameters to the local level, the General Assembly can ensure this credit is a sustainable tool for veteran support. As amended, SB 980 allows individual local governments to provide a greater credit than the law currently authorizes without establishing a mandate across all existing programs.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests a **favorable report** on Senate Bill 980.

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