

The Maryland House of Delegates  
Ways and Means Committee  
130 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD, 21401

The Honorable Jheanelle Wilkins

**Subject:**

*House Bill 1482 Property Tax - Credit for Dwelling House of Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses – Revisions*

Dear Chair Wilkens and Members of the Committee,

Under current State law, local jurisdictions are authorized but not required to offer property tax credits to disabled veterans and or their surviving spouses. House Bill 1482 would change the law to require jurisdictions to provide this tax credit to our service members and their families.

This bill reflects a simple principle: when the members and spouses of our armed forces sacrifice their well-being for our security, our support will not determined by their zip code.

As we face an ever increasing tax burden and more Marylanders consider leaving the State, this is a simple change that would not only create an incentive for people to stay but as thoughtful thank you to our service members.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of House Bill 1482 and urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Alexander Harlan