

House Bill 1482

I wish to submit testimony in support of HB 1482. The revisions of the Property Tax- Credit for Dwelling house of Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses are a significant step in the appropriate direction to properly compensate and show appreciation the service and sacrifice of our nation's Veterans and their Families.

I am the surviving widow of a Maryland Air National Guardsmen, a Veteran with 70% disability rating. My husband proudly served 4 tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. He dedicated 20 years of his life to military service. In December 2024, at just age of 45 years old, my husband passed away from causes that can be connected to his service-related disability.

I am now a 41-year-old widow, raising our 2 teenage children with special needs. I am learning how to support my family on my sole income while navigating the profound loss of my husband. The financial realities facing surviving spouses and disabled Veterans are significant, and property taxes represent a major and ongoing expense.

The revisions proposed in HB 1482 would provide meaningful relief to my household and to many other veterans and surviving families across Maryland. This legislation recognizes not only the service of the Veteran, but also the lifelong impact that service has on their families.

I Respectfully request a favorable vote for HB 1482.

Respectfully submitted,

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