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The Honorable Paul Pinsky  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Support for SBO280  
Occupational and Professional Licensing – Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses – Revisions to  
Reciprocity Requirements

Dear Senator Pinsky and Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

AIA Maryland represents nearly 2,000 Registered Architects in the State of Maryland and we offer our support of Senate Bill 280 to grant licensing reciprocity to our colleagues with one year of professional experience who are service members, veterans and their spouses.

We ask that the committee support this bill to honor, respect and pay tribute to the service and sacrifice that our service members and their families have given and made for us. AIA Maryland recognizes and appreciates the significant challenges our service members, veterans and their families have undergone due to deployment, the time commitment of service, relocation and other hardships they have endured through their efforts on our part.

We thank and appreciate these colleagues for what they have given in the work and efforts that they have made at often difficult and critical times for our country and us.

AIA Maryland, and its membership, works to maintain and improve the quality of Maryland's built environment, including our efforts that enhance public health, safety, and welfare. We recognize the efforts our service member colleagues have made and want to make it easier for them so they can similarly serve our state in their professional work.

We encourage you to vote in favor of this legislation and encourage Maryland's commitment to our active service members, veterans and their spouses. Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

Sincerely

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