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HB 1007 – Task Force to Study the Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Program

Honorable Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Peña-Melnyk and Members of the Committee:

I am happy to introduce to you House Bill 1007 Task Force to Study the Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Program. This bill establish a task force to study the Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Program (VSBE) to study and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The Maryland VSBE program requires State agencies to structure their procurements to annually spend – directly or indirectly – at least 1% of their total dollar value of procurement contracts with veteran-owned small business enterprises. Maryland is home to just over 1,000+ Veteran Owned Small Businesses – ranging in fields from Information Technology, Healthcare Services, General Contracting / Construction Services, Environmental Sustainability, and more.

The task force created by this bill will study and make recommendations regarding opportunities for VSBs to participate in State procurement contracts and the improvement of the State’s VSBs including specific proposals

With this bill we hope to better understand this program and the results it produces.

Thank you for your time and consideration of HB 1007.

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