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Testimony of Delegate Ron Watson

FAVORABLE REPORT for HB0708

Property Tax Exemption- Disabled Veterans

Good afternoon Chair, Vice Chair and Distinguished Members of the Committee,

I come to urge a favorable report for HB0708 which expands the eligibility criteria of a property tax exemption for specified disabled veterans and surviving spouses of veterans to include veterans with at least an 80% service-connected disability and under the current law, veterans must have a 100% service connected disability to be eligible for the property tax exemption.

Currently over 300,000 veterans live in the state of Maryland shifting the criteria will allow more veterans to participate in the program. Nine other states as well as the District of Columbia have made this change and now is the time to deliver for our veterans here in Maryland.

I strongly urge the committee to vote favorable on HB 708-Property Tax Exemption-Disabled Veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron L. Watson".

Delegate Ron Watson, Ph.D
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