



THE MARYLAND MILITARY COALITION

Serving Veterans through Legislative Advocacy

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF
OF SENATE BILL 180**

Senator Pinsky, Chair, Senator Kagan and distinguished members of the Education health and environment committee,

The Maryland Military Coalition represents 16 military and veteran service organization who served nearly 150,000 men and women who serve or have served our nation in times of crises and peace.

All Maryland residents deserve proper interment and this is especially true for our veteran community who during their lifetime sacrificed greatly so that we can live a life of dignity and freedom. Also, we fervently believe their spouses should be accorded the identical burial rights as well.

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs which among their many duties to veterans manage five cemeteries throughout Maryland is ideally positioned to meet the needs of these unclaimed cremains in a proper, honorable and dignified manner.

We ask the Educational, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee to render a favorable report on Senate Bill 180 and we commend Senator Simonaire for his zealous compassion to this most essential task as well as his continual support to the active military and its veterans.

Yours, Respectfully

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