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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass, Chair
Members of the Health & Government Operations Committee

RE: SB 303/ HB 586 – General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Tuskegee Airmen
Commemoration Day

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committees,

Please be advised the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs supports SB 303/ HB 586 General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day.

As you know, this piece of legislation, which is just a commemoration day, recognizes the brave Red Tails who fought so courageously in World War II. It is time we formally recognize them by establishing this special day. We need to maintain the knowledge of their past deeds

The sacrifices these individuals, and their loved ones, made should not be lost as a footnote in Maryland's history – but rather celebrated.

I urge a favorable position on this legislation.

Sincerely,