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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Anne R. Kaiser, Chairwoman
Ways & Means

FROM: Delegate C.T. Wilson

DATE: January 14, 2021

RE: **HB-358 INCOME TAX CHECKOFF-MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**

The Maryland Veterans Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on
HB-358 INCOME TAX CHECKOFF-MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND

This bill was sponsored by **Delegate C.T. Wilson** for the purpose of establishing an income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on the individual income tax return; requiring the Comptroller to collect and account for contributions made through the checkoff and to credit the proceeds to the Fund after deducting the amount necessary to administer the checkoff; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

The Veterans Caucus mission is to study, develop and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economic, training and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of veterans in the State. There are approximately 471,200 veterans living in the State of Maryland.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Committee favorably recommends support of **HB-358**, and the full caucus voted to support this bill. Delegate C.T. Wilson and Senator William Smith, Chairs of the Veterans Caucus.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of benefits, employment, education, economics, training, and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of all veterans in the State.