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Testimony in Support of HB0591 – Property Tax Exemption – Disabled Veterans

To the Honorable Madam Chair and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I want to first start off by thanking you all for the opportunity to introduce HB705. The purpose of this bill is to expand a property tax exemption for disabled veterans of at least 80 percent service connected disability. Currently, the property tax exemption only applies to veterans at the 100 percent disability levels.

As of 2020, Maryland has a total of 371,164 veterans. Of those veterans 83,730 are classified as disabled. Prince George's County has a substantial amount of residents from the veteran community. Of the 56,000 total veterans living in Prince George's County, 16,100 of them are classified as disabled.

Currently 9 States (and Washington D.C) have at least some form of property tax exemption for disabled veterans. These veterans have made countless sacrifices and have honorably served our country and now it is time for us to return the favor. Let's look out and protect the same veterans that have looked out for and protected us all these years. **For these reasons, I ask for a favorable report on House Bill 0591**

Sincerely,

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

Delegate Ron L. Watson
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