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Testimony in Favor of HB0279
Veterans Affairs – Communications, Outreach and Advocacy Program –
Veterans Advocacy and Education Act

Chair Pendergrass, Vice-Chair Pena-Melnyk, and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

I respectfully request a favorable report of House Bill 279. This bill would alter the name of the Outreach and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to be the Communications, Outreach and Advocacy Program and clearly state the Program's roles and responsibilities as they are currently defined.

The Program, in collaboration with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, actively assists veterans and their dependents become aware of and access education and training benefits to which they are entitled.

The name change and clear explanation of duties ensures continuity of operations and clarifies for all stakeholders, most specifically veterans and families, the roles and responsibilities of the Program. The bill provides transparency related to the Program's functional responsibilities to state and local government leaders, as well as to members of the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Rogers".

Mike Rogers
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