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Testimony in Favor of HB0819
State Finance- Catastrophic Event Account and Federal Government Shutdown Employee
Assistance Loan Fund- Noncivilian Federal Employee

Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Crosby, and members of the Economic Matters Committee,

For the record I am Delegate Mike Rogers from District 32 in Anne Arundel County. I am here today to introduce HB819, which would add noncivilian employees to the group of federal employees in Maryland eligible to receive financial assistance under the Federal Shutdown Paycheck Protection Act.

The General Assembly passed the Paycheck Protection Act in 2019 following the last federal shutdown. That shutdown lasted an unprecedented 34 days and pointed to the need for emergency assistance for employees impacted by the shutdown who might struggle to make ends meet without a paycheck.

The Paycheck Protection Act named civilian employees of the federal government as eligible for assistance under the statute, but it excluded noncivilian employees - that is, Maryland's roughly 30,000 active-duty service members.

These individuals work at installations that include Fort Meade, Fort Detrick, Patuxent Naval Air Station, and Andrews Naval Air Facility - in jobs such as combat training, construction, engineering, healthcare, machine operation and repair, and transportation.

HB819 would extend eligibility for financial assistance during a shutdown to this group of highly important workers, and we encourage your support for this bill. I respectfully request a favorable report on HB0819.

Now, I'll turn it over to the Department of Labor to speak a little bit more about the Program and this bill.

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