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Dear County Council Members,

Please find attached my written support of County Bill No. 8-2018, Veteran Owned Enterprise Legislation.

Very respectfully,
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Dear County Council Members,

As a member of the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families, I am submitting this written testimony in *support* of CB-8 2018, Veteran Owned Enterprise Legislation.

The passing of this legislation would be a proactive and welcomed action. With over 20,000 Veterans living in Howard County this bill will provide more Veteran owned businesses an opportunity to actively participate in the economic engine of their local communities. Additionally, this action would add one more incentive for Veterans transitioning from military service to civilian life to choose Howard County as their permanent home.

I am pleased to support this bill and appreciate the Howard County government efforts to be inclusive of their Veteran population. I see it as one more way that our community honors and respects the service and sacrifices of their military Veterans.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to voice support for this great initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

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