**Testimony for Public Hearing** 

Resolution No. 12-2018 pursuant to Section 4.104 of the Howard County Code, amending the Purchasing Manual in order to incorporate the Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Program January 16, 2018

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Good evening Council Members. My name is Daniel Hill and I am a disabled veteran business owner. I would like you to support the Veteran-owned Business Enterprise Program. As a recently separated veteran, I can attest to how difficult it is to find work. I also advocate for and work with wounded warriors and other disabled veterans, and one of the most common factors attributing to veteran suicide and homelessness is failed business startups.

Our veterans deserve our aid and assistance. I would appreciate your support and careful consideration to this issue.

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration. Sincerely,
Daniel Hill