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Subject: RE: Written Testimony for January 16, 2018 County Council Meeting Agenda Item CB8, CR12
Attachments: Bill 8-2018 Letter to Support Legislation to Help Veteran Owned Businesses.docx

Please except this written testimony (attached) in regards to the October 16, 2017 County Council agenda item CB8, CR12, Legislation to help Veteran-Owned Businesses Obtain County Contracts. This testimony is in support of the resolution/Bill.

To: Howard County Council
From: Robert Moore
Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families
Date: January 16, 2018
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I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in regards to the January 16, 2018 County Council agenda item CB 8, CR 12, Legislation to Help Veteran Owned Businesses. Please accept this testimony in support of the resolution/bill to help veteran-owned businesses more easily obtain county purchasing contracts. I am in support of the Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Program which is designed to encourage more participation by veteran-owned businesses in the county procurement bidding process. As a member of the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families, I very much support this initiative and highly recommend it get passed.

By passing this initiative, the county shows that it cares for our Veterans by encouraging and promoting the development of businesses owned by Veterans. It benefits Howard County by creating opportunities for Veterans who will establish roots in our community and provide additional business tax revenue. It will help stimulate the small business community and create growth for our local economy. It will also bring highly trained professionals and leaders with experience in challenging environments and creative talent to our county.

With Washington DC, the federal hub of our country's government and an employer of thousands of active duty military that is a reasonable distance to Howard County, many of our active duty service members are looking for future opportunities upon their discharge from the military. These future Veterans would like to establish businesses within our county, to live in a safe area, and have access to good public schools and services. By establishing the Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Program, Howard County has the opportunity to draw former residents who are now Veterans, and new Veterans to our community. These individuals and their families will provide stability, integrity, respect, commitment and a sense of responsibility to an already existing civil and close community with strong family values.

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I will print out for tonite. I have another written testimony from vet owned business owner. Lisa

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