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Dear Council Chair & Council Members,

On behalf of The Maryland Minority Contractors Association, Inc., please see the attached letter concerning Council Bill 8-2018.

Thanks.

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Howard County Council  
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Re: **COUNCIL BILL No. 8-2018**  
**VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM**

Dear Council Chair Sigaty:

On behalf of The Maryland Minority Contractors Association, Inc. (“MMCA”), I am submitting this letter of support of CB-8 2018, Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Program.

MMCA is a non-profit Maryland corporation, composed of minority and women-owned business enterprise groups and individuals within the State of Maryland. Its primary purpose is to provide professional assistance to MBEs and WBEs with respect to the development of their businesses, including, but not limited to, taking an active role in the review of legislation and programs that affect their well-being. MBE and WBE participation in state and local contracting and procurement opportunities is essential to the continued survival and growth of all minority and women owned businesses operating in Maryland.

*Noting that CB-8 2018 does not interfere with or decrease Howard County’s MBE/WBE goals*, CB-8 2018 provides veteran-owned businesses the opportunity to fairly compete and participate in Howard County’s procurement bidding process could only be positive.

Furthermore, veteran-owned businesses are critical to the strength of the community, providing local, accessible living wage jobs, opportunities for advancement, and ownership and wealth that remain in the community. Thriving veteran-owned businesses will create community wealth and increase jobs and opportunity for residents of Howard County.

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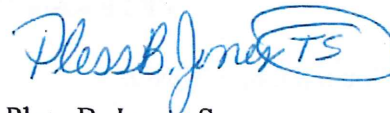
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This legislation is meaningful for veteran-owned businesses in Howard County. MMCA supports the intentions of the bill as written. Thank you for your time and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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