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Message

Dear Council, I am writing this correspondence in reference to the current bill regarding tax relief for disabled law enforcement officers. I am a Howard County resident and a disabled law enforcement officer. I was a Maryland Transportation Authority Police Officer injured in the line of duty and filed for tax relief for my property taxes and was denied because they stated that the agency I worked for must have reciprocity with Howard County and offer Howard County Police Officers the same benefits. They stated because I work for the state that the state had no reciprocity for giving Howard County Officers relief. I find it hard to believe that the state gives no benefits to Howard County Officers injured in the line of duty or killed. My agency had reciprocity to enforce laws in Howard County, which I performed often. This benefit should be extended to state and federal officers injured in the line of duty. We are out there putting it on the line everyday and enforcing laws to keep citizens of Howard County safe. Military veterans are offered relief and they could be injured thousands of miles away in a foreign country overseas. This wrong needs to be made right and the new bill should be amended to include us. I plan on attending the public hearing on this matter on July 17 and take this to the citizens of Howard County and if need be to the media to be included rather than excluded. I reached out to my state representative and will continue to pursue this until it is corrected. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Sam 410-274-5126