

FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Executive


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TO: County Council

FROM: County Executive Jan H. Gardner

DATE: April 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Comments on Amended Council Bill #18-11 – Veterans Advisory Council



Please accept these comments in connection with Amended Council Bill #18-11, Veterans Advisory Council. This Amended Bill is scheduled for public hearing on April 24, 2018.

The Administration is in support of the creation of a Veterans Advisory Council as provided in Bill #18-11. We believe the establishment of a Council will serve a very useful function, linking veterans with community and governmental services that will improve their quality of life. As testimony at past Council meetings indicates, it will meet a real need in our community. We have no objection to the amendments modifying the membership criteria, as approved by the Council at their meeting on April 17, 2018.

We thank President Otis, Vice-President Keegan-Ayer and Council Member Chmelik for their efforts to to revise and improve on a similar Bill reviewed by the Council last year. We look forward to the Bill's approval and the establishment of the new Council. The Administration looks forward to assisting in this effort.