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Doug Yurovich 9118 Silver Pointe Way Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Dear Doug:

Thank you for writing to me regarding your support for House Bill (HB) 1069, which gives veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, reserves, or the Virginia National Guard a tax exemption for the first \$40,000 of their annual 208 retirement compensation. Unfortunately, HB 1069 did not pass out of the House Finance Subcommittee #3. I am not on that Subcommittee and was unable to vote for this bill.

I would like to let you know that HB 1128 is a similar bill. Starting in 2022, HB 1128 provides a tax exemption for up to \$20,000 in retirement income for veterans, members of the reserves, and the Virginia National Guard as well as benefits for eligible surviving spouses. The tax exemption increases in 2023 to the first \$30,000, and to the first \$40,000 in 2024. I supported this bill and it passed out of the House of Delegates.

Additionally, I would like to share with you that I partnered with constituents and the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations to propose HB 957. This bill gives localities the option of providing property tax relief to surviving spouses of members of the US Armed Forces killed in the line of duty with a line of duty determination.

Historically, Virginians have repeatedly shown their support for surviving spouses of members of the US Armed Forces who were killed or disabled in the line of duty by voting for policies that will help to share in their sacrifice. I am pleased that HB 957 passed out of the House of Delegates unanimously. Both HB 1128 and HB 957 must pass the state Senate and be signed into law by the Governor before they take effect.

Thank you again for writing to me about how we can honor our military families and veterans and I look forward to staying in touch. Through my electronic newsletter, I provide legislative updates, information about Virginia's response to COVID-19, town halls, and other community events. I

encourage you to sign-up at www.kathyfordelegate.com. If there is any other way my office can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call us at (804) 698-1042 or email us at DelKTran@house.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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