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Proposed House Bill No. 5386 An Act Concerning Housing Assistance for Veterans

Proposed House Bill No. 5755 An Act Concerning Affordable Housing for Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces

The Office of Chief Public Defender supports *Proposed Bill 5386, An Act Concerning Housing Assistance for Veterans* and *Proposed Bill 5755, An Act Concerning Affordable Housing for Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces*. The ability to access safe and affordable housing is a critical need for all of our citizens. For veterans, access to housing is of particular importance as it directly impacts on their ability to reintegrate into their communities after completion of their service. We believe that expansion of resources to facilitate access to housing will, in part, ease this transition and assist our veterans and ultimately our communities.