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Subject: Assembly Bill 528 (Gray) **-SUPPORT**

As President of the 4,145 member California Council of the Military Officers Association of America (CALMOAA), I would like to add my forty-one (41) chapters' support to Assembly Member Adam C. Gray's bill AB 528. This bill as written would exclude the Military/Uniform Services retired/retainer pay of a recently retired veteran from California state income taxes on a graduated scale for a period of five (5) years after separation.

The first five post-separation years can be challenging for recently retired members of the active duty US Uniformed Services. The average age of a retiring officer is 47 while the average age of a retiring enlisted member is 43. The challenges faced by these retirees in their mid-to-late forties to secure a position in their chosen career field can be a demanding, if not daunting proposition. In my opinion, AB 528 Bill is written to provide these highly skilled and disciplined veterans of the US Army, US Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, NOAA, USPHS with a tax cushion so they stay in California and become integral parts of the state's effort to move forward.

Thank you for this needed service.

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