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January 7, 2025

Secretary of the Commonwealth
McCormack Building
1 Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Re: **Notice of Public Hearing**
Executive Office of Veterans' Services – 108 CMR 17.00 – Veterans Equality
Review Board – Rules of Procedure

Dear Secretary Galvin,

Pursuant to any statutory and regulatory requirements, please find the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing regarding Regulations the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans' Services ("EOVS") has promulgated a new regulation that details the rules of procedure as it pertains to the Veterans Equality Review Board ("VERB"). 108 CMR 17.00 shall govern all proceedings of the Veterans Equality Review Board created under M.G.L. c. 115, § 16 and M.G.L. c. 126, § 53, as amended. The Veterans Equality Review Board shall meet to review and act on applications that are submitted to the Executive Office of Veterans Services for those who have received a less than honorable discharge.

The proposed citation for said Regulations is **108 CMR 17.00: Veterans Equality Review Board – Rules of Procedure**. The proposed Regulations are authorized by M.G.L. c. 115, § 16 and M.G.L. c. 126, § 53.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Please be advised that, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services (“EOVS”) will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing any comments in connection with the proposed Regulations at 108 CMR 17.00: Veterans Equality Review Board – Rules of Procedure. The proposed Regulation details the rules of procedure as it pertains to the Veterans Equality Review Board (“VERB”). 108 CMR 17.00 shall govern all proceedings of the Veterans Equality Review Board created under M.G.L. c. 115, § 16 and M.G.L. c. 126, § 53, as amended. The Veterans Equality Review Board shall meet to review and act on applications that are submitted to the Executive Office of Veterans Services for those who have received a less than honorable discharge.

EOVS will hold this public hearing remotely on Friday, February 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams at the following link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YWI2ODUzYmYtZTA1OS00MDBmLWEzYjMtMWRhMGJjYjY5NmFj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223e861d16-48b7-4a0e-9806-8c04d81b7b2a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ce9ffe53-8cfa-4b3b-b55c-9aab7d137205%22%7d

or by Meeting ID: 264 943 392 273

Passcode: iq2hX2Td

A copy of the proposed Regulations referenced above may be viewed by visiting <https://www.mass.gov/event/executive-office-of-veterans-services-notice-of-public-hearing-verb-rules-of-procedure-02-14-2025>. Any person who would like to offer comments may participate in the public hearing at the date and time indicated above or submit written comments. Those who wish to receive a written copy of the proposed Regulations, or to submit written comments, may do so by sending an email to jenna.buonopane5@mass.gov or by mail to:

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Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 21, 2025.
Attached please find the accompanying Small Business Impact Statement in accordance with
M.G.L. c. 30A, §2.