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Fort Meade service members stand with Michelle Obama

What: Michelle Obama with Gov. O'Malley

WHEN: Wed. April 17, 2 p.m.

WHERE: Maryland State House, 100 State Circle, Annapolis, MD

Additional Information: Fort Meade service members and their spouses will stand with First Lady Michelle Obama as Governor Martin O'Malley signs a bill which will impact military families.

Service members from Fort Meade will represent the thousands of individuals who could benefit from Maryland's Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013. As service members are required to move to a new duty station, many spouses face difficulties in transferring their professional credentials so they can find employment in their new state. Lawyers, nurses, mental health practitioners, teachers and many others can face these difficulties multiple times throughout the service member's military career.

Maryland's Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013 sets a national standard for state legislation, streamlining the ability for service members, veterans, and their spouses to obtain over 70 civilian credentials and licenses, allowing them to readily transfer their military training, experience, and skills into civilian certification and licenses and academic degrees or certifications.

The First Lady's remarks at the State House are open to the press and will be live streamed at <http://www.governor.maryland.gov/stream.asp>.

Before the bill signing, Mrs. Obama will meet with service members affected by the new legislation at the United States Naval Academy. The First Lady's activities at the Naval Academy will be limited to a pre-determined pool.

Media interested in covering this event at the Maryland State House should contact, Kara Turner, Kara.Turner@maryland.gov, 410-974-2316

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