

**Douglas Oliver**  
**Veteran of Vietnam**  
**Proponent: HB2036**  
**Written Only**

My name is Douglas Oliver and I have lived in my current residence at 5615 W 125th St. Overland Park, Kansas 66209 since March 1990. I have worked hard for 38 years at United Telephone/Sprint as an Engineer/Planner to support my wife and two daughters. I was the first of our family to go to college and I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree. I have faithfully paid my property tax on time every year since then.

The reason I am testifying is through the years the appraisal value of homes here in Johnson county have skyrocketed mainly now due to the selling price of homes that is being offered in this area. My \$200K home in 1990 is now appraised at over \$430K. I am a 100% disabled Vietnam Veteran and I believe the \$350K limit for Homestead should be eliminated completely because a home in Johnson County is appraised at a much higher value than anywhere else in the state.

The solution is to pass HB 2036 which will eliminate the \$350K value that hinders many disabled Veterans who have worked hard to own a nice home and have no intention of selling their home or moving, even though there are offers every week someone wanting to buy my home.

Possible opposition to this bill would be tax loss to the state, but I would say almost half the states take care of their disabled veterans better than Kansas and it is time for Kansas to step up and take care of us Disabled veterans with property tax relief. Especially us Disabled Vietnam Veterans there are not too many of us left.

I am willing to come to the House and testify if needed. I do not know if this is the proper format I have never testified before, just speaking from my heart

Thank you,  
Douglas Oliver