

Dear Chairman and Honorable Members of the Taxation Committee,

As a board member for the North Lyon County Veteran's Memorial Project, I am a proponent for H.B. 2307.

As a tribute to those veterans that served our country and the sacrifices they have made, we built a memorial to honor them in Bushong, KS. A large amount of time, energy and funds has been donated to make the Memorial a place for visitors and locals alike, to come and learn about the military history of North Lyon County.

Our project continues to grow as we proceed with building a museum to house many of the military significant artifacts that people have donated. We are a non-profit and every penny that has been raised or donated has been spent on the building of the memorial.

To date, we have raised over \$60,000 towards the goal of the Memorial and Museum with the majority of that going to materials and construction of the Memorial. We have paid state taxes on every dime we spent so far to build the Memorial. This seems to be an unfair burden on the Veteran's Memorial Project.

I am asking you to consider allowing non-profits that construct or build Memorials honoring our veterans in Kansas to be exempt from further sales taxes and property taxes.

Sincerely,



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