

HB 2036

I have been researching this bill closely and have been watching it escalate through hearings. I am writing in heavy support of this bill passing, and truly believe it would be unconscionable if it did not pass this senate hearing. My husband is a 100% service-connected disabled veteran and gave just short of his life in an IED explosion. Our mortgage has increased nearly \$1000 a month since we purchased our home in Butler County in early 2019. Taxes will price us out of our home if something is not done.

Disabled veterans are making the decision every day to leave Kansas and move just a state away, on either side of us to have this benefit. We have friends who have done it, and we are looking at property and jobs outside of Kansas if this doesn't pass. Kansas is one of the few states left to not have a law on books related to veteran homestead taxation exemption. I have not caught the notes from today's opponents but hopefully will over the next few days and hope that the opponents are few and far between.

As a long time republican, I sincerely thank you for your service to Kansas and hope you will share our sentiment with your committee.

Respectfully,
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