

HB2036 Testimony
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Proponent

Dear Committee Members,

I write to you to urge your support for HB2036. When I joined the Army in 1977 I never anticipated becoming permanently partially disabled from my service; however, military duty is hard, arduous, and sometimes dangerous. Although I can function in today's society well, I still bear a bit of umbrage at having some physical challenges brought on by my service. I am grateful that the veterans administration provides a stipend for my disabilities, but it is important to note that this is a quality of life stipend. Frequently a veteran's life is shortened by serious related medical problems. For me, most of my disabilities are pulmonary related from ingesting untold toxins by simply breathing air in contaminated environments, and this contributes today to great difficulty in exercising and keeping my weight down.

Considering that less than 1 percent of our population serve in the military, providing a property tax break to such disabled veterans, proportional to their disability rating is only fitting and proper. I urge you to recognize and confirm the value of veterans personal sacrifices by reducing the property tax on their personal residence. Any reduction in property tax by the state will be at least partially offset by higher sales and use tax receipts.

Although I came to the military after the draft, many disabled veterans were compelled to serve by the draft and these veterans are especially worthy of our consideration to reduce their property tax.

I highly encourage you to support this important bill that recognizes the service and valor of our Kansas veterans.

Sincerely,

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