

**HB2036** Proponent (Written only)

Jennifer Barbour

U.S. Air Force Veteran

Good afternoon, I am writing to you as a disable Air Force Veteran who served our country in many hostile locations resulting in a disability rating through our VA system. My original home of record is Lincoln, Nebraska however I have remained in Wichita due to trying to survive as an active member of our community while dealing with a disability from serving on active duty. My home of record, Nebraska offers a Homestead tax exception covering 100% of the taxes. I could return back home to gain that benefit however I pleading to you to help pass this exception for those of us who have choose to stay in Kansas vs going back to our home or record where there are homestead exceptions offered to disabled veterans such as Nebraska, Texas and Florida where this benefit is offered with so much as a 10% disability rating. The VA comp and benefit process is already stressful and cumbersome and leads people to give up vs getting the help they need and deserve. Please help get this bill through for us veterans who have served our country and have stayed in Kansas to help this state thrive in support of the aviation capital of the world.