

Please accept this written testimony and I plan to be present for in-person testimony on January 16.

Thank you,

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MOAA Kansas Council of Chapters Testimony on HB 2036

I write to testify in support of HB 2036. If it pleases the committee, I plan to testify in-person to expand on these written testimonial remarks. I am representing the Kansas Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America. Our Council is in favor of passage of this bill which will reduce residential property tax for certain retired and service-connected disabled veterans.

Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 3 defines veterans and service connection for veterans who pay a lifetime tax for the disease and injury encountered while defending our country, our allies and our national interests. We deeply appreciate that this bill recognizes the service of Kansans who served in the Reserves or National Guard of another state.

We deeply appreciate the outreach and cooperation of the Kansas Department of Revenue leadership to seek accuracy in the demographics and aggregate financial information of Kansas military personnel and service-connected veterans. We stand ready to assist with any future requests for assistance from KDOR staff or the Committee.

We believe Kansas should recognize the honorable service and selfless sacrifice of service connected veterans and provide a property tax reduction proportional to the combined evaluation of disability of each eligible Kansas service-connected veteran as proposed in the bill. **Please approve HB2036!**