

HB 2026

Senate Committee

My name is Krystal, a Veteran and spouse of a disabled Veteran. Returning home to Kansas after my husband's medical discharge from the Army, we settled in Lawrence to be near family. Our story, is not unique, we are experiencing financial strain of rising property taxes on our limited budget.

Unlike our friends in Texas, Florida and numerous other states, Kansas lacks property tax benefits for Disabled Veterans. The prospect of moving to those states holds promise for a supportive veteran community and a static mortgage on our fixed income. Unfortunately, the homestead exemption's limitations disqualify our access to assistance.

I write to the committee, urging you to pass this bill. It's not just legislation; it's a lifeline for those who have served. Your decision has the power to retain and attract Veterans, fostering a community that values and supports its Veterans.

-Krystal