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Chairman Adam Smith
Chair, House Committee on Taxation

Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for allowing me to appear in strong support of HB 2005.

This bill creates a 75% property tax exemption for totally disabled veterans. This exemption would be paid as a rebate by the state. This would ensure that municipalities and school districts experience no lost revenue as a result of this exemption.

The men and women who sacrifice to defend our nation don't just sacrifice their time. Military service is hard on their bodies and many are injured in the line of duty, leaving them permanently disabled. This disability can have a severe impact on their ability to work and earn money. This bill acknowledges that fact and provides tax relief to help them make ends meet.

There is already a homestead tax exemption in statute for disabled veterans and those over 65. Unfortunately, the maximum income requirements for that program, even after legislation last year that keys that maximum income to inflation, is too low for most disabled veterans to qualify. HB2005 would dramatically increase the number of disabled veterans eligible for property tax relief.

Thank you for your time and attention. And thank you for hearing this bill.

Sincerely,

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