

Dear Chair and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to make supportive testimony for House Bill 2005.

I am currently serving in my fourth year on the Leavenworth School Board USD 453 as well as my first year on the Leavenworth County Commission. The comments I make today only represent my personal opinion.

I am sixth generation Leavenworth County and I believe that recognizing the sacrifices our veterans have paid to keep us a free nation should be met with this tax refund capability. Those who have sacrificed countless years, months and days away from their families, missing birthdays, anniversaries and graduations, deserve for there to be a way for their sacrifice to allow them to live more comfortably in the state of Kansas.

Far too many veterans separate from Kansas, especially Leavenworth County. We need incentives that are state wide to drive them to live, work and play locally here in the great sunflower state of Kansas once they separate from the military.

I ask that you do what you personally can to ensure that this bill makes it through to reality for our veterans.

Thank you,

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