

Honorable Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to hearing me out today. I am writing this to strongly advocate for the exemption of disabled veterans from paying property taxes on their primary residence. This is not just a matter of financial relief; it is a recognition of the immense sacrifices us as 100% combat related disabled veterans have made for our country.

We are living with lifelong injuries—both visible and invisible—that limit our ability to work and earn a stable income. Our disabilities, whether physical wounds, traumatic brain injuries, or post-traumatic stress disorder, often require ongoing medical care, rehabilitation, and support. The financial burden of these needs can be overwhelming, and property taxes add an unnecessary strain to an already difficult situation.

Furthermore, homeownership provides stability for veterans and their families. Ensuring that disabled veterans are not taxed out of their homes is a small but meaningful way to show gratitude for our service. Many states already recognize this by offering full or partial exemptions, and expanding these protections would demonstrate our commitment to those who gave so much for our country. Kansas currently has no such exemptions that is exclusive to the .00057% of Americans who served and that are 100% combat related disabled

Some may argue that tax revenue is necessary to support public services, but the cost of this exemption is far outweighed by the benefit it provides to those who have given their health and well-being all while choosing to defend this nation and leave their families behind in defense of our freedoms. It is a small price for a grateful nation to pay.

In closing, waiving property taxes for disabled veterans is not just about financial relief; it is about honoring their service, acknowledging their sacrifices, and ensuring they can live with dignity in the country we fought to defend. I urge you to support this measure and stand with those who have stood for us.

Thank you.

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