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Dear Chairman and Members of the House Committee on Taxation,

As a service-disabled veteran I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2005, the Veterans' Valor Property Tax Relief Act.

HB2005 is a crucial step toward ensuring that Kansas' veterans receive the financial relief they deserve. By reimbursing 75% of property taxes paid on a primary residence for veterans who are **100% disabled, Permanently and Totally (P&T) disabled, or rated as Totally Disabled due to Individual Unemployability (TDIU)**, this bill provides meaningful assistance to those who have sacrificed so much for our country.

Many disabled veterans struggle with fixed incomes, rising healthcare costs, and limited employment opportunities. The financial burden of property taxes can force them into difficult decisions, such as selling their homes or cutting back on essential expenses. HB2005 addresses this issue in a fair and sustainable manner by offering a refundable tax credit, ensuring that veterans remain in their homes without jeopardizing local tax revenue.

Supporting this bill is not just about financial relief—it is about honoring the service and sacrifice of those who have given so much for our country. Ensuring that disabled veterans can afford to stay in their homes strengthens our communities, fosters economic stability, and upholds Kansas' commitment to those who served.

I respectfully urge you to **vote in favor of HB2005** and advocate for its passage in the House Taxation Committee hearing on **February 5, 2025**. Please consider standing with Kansas veterans and their families by supporting this vital piece of legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further and appreciate your commitment to serving our community

Respectfully,

Buck Bradley

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