



The Honorable Rick James, Chair
House Committee on Veterans and Military
300 SW 10th Ave
Topeka, KS 66612

February 3, 2026

Dear Chairman James and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Frederick Douglass Foundation, I am writing to express our strong support for Kansas House Bill 2214. This bill aims to establish critical protections for Kansas Veterans and their families, ensuring they receive high-quality, transparent assistance when seeking Veterans' benefits.

The Frederick Douglass Foundation sees its mission to improve lives through activism and leadership and teach the faith-based leaders and political volunteers to make a difference and impact black and underrepresented communities as a whole. We believe in the sanctity of free market and limited government ideas to bear on the hardest problems facing our nation.

We recognize the importance of clear regulatory standards for organizations and individuals offering Veterans' benefits services. KS HB 2214 would preserve the rights of a Veteran to choose how they pursue their own US Department of Veterans' Affairs disability claim and address the full spectrum of the issues at hand. This bill provides additional oversight and protections for the Veteran while preserving their Constitutional rights to petition their government in a manner they see fit, and ensuring Veterans have access to diverse options and effective solutions for decades to come. These provisions are fundamental to preserving the integrity of Veterans' services across the state.

Furthermore, we applaud the inclusion of privacy safeguards in the bill, such as prohibiting the use of international call centers for processing Veterans' personal information and requiring background checks for individuals handling sensitive data. The Frederick Douglass Foundation believes these measures are essential to protecting Veterans' personal and financial information.

We appreciate your consideration of this important legislation and urge the Kansas Legislature to support its passage. The Frederick Douglass Foundation stands ready to assist in any way possible to ensure that Kansas Veterans have access to the highest standard of benefits services. Thank you for your commitment to Kansas Veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Rolling". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Troy Rolling, Chairman
Frederick Douglass Foundation