

Chairmans, Veterans Committee

February 2, 2026

From George Pogge, Kansas American Legion

I am submitting as a request to give written testimony before the Veterans Committee Tuesday morning at 9.00 AM in room 281 N in reference to HR 2214.

I am submitting and will be providing testimony in opposition to HR 2214.

We are opposed to Allowing Private Claims Representatives to operate in the State of Kansas to prepare or assist Veterans to prepare claims submissions for Veterans to the Veterans Administration for the purpose of determining disability and to further receive benefits from the Veterans Administration and charge any fee or receive a portion of the Veterans benefit from the Veteran as payment or compensation for preparing or assisting in the preparation of the submission.

Kansas through the Kansas Office of Veterans Services has codified an excellent process of ensuring all claims representatives are certified by the Veterans Administration through Training and education. This certification is further enhanced by an annual training requirement and review.

Qualified Military Veterans have provided a service to the country and have earned benefits that are provided through the Veterans Administration. They have earned these benefits, and we are obligated to assist them in receiving these benefits. The certified Claims Officers provided by the Kansas Office of Veterans Services as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and The American Legion assist Veterans in applying for a receiving access to these benefits. It is both illegal and immoral to charge a veteran or receive compensation from a veteran for assistance in processing these claims.

We will be providing verbal testimony in reference to our opposition to HR 2214 and very much appreciate your consideration.

Thank you