

Dear Assessment and Taxation Committee,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Christopher Salmon, and I am a disabled Veteran currently residing in Colorado Springs. I am reaching out to share my personal experience and express my support for House Bill 2036 in Kansas.

Our family has considered moving to Kansas in the past to be closer to relatives. However, the property taxes in Kansas have been a significant obstacle for us. Colorado offers a great partial exemption, but with the rising cost of living, it has become increasingly challenging.

I wanted to bring to your attention that Florida, where we are also considering relocating, provides a full property tax exemption for disabled veterans. This exemption has made a substantial difference for many veterans, including myself, in making choices about where to live. If Kansas were to implement a similar measure through HB2036, it would enable families like mine to live near our loved ones, fostering stronger connections and support systems.

I am aware that HB2036 aims to provide disabled veterans in Kansas with property tax exemptions, aligning with benefits offered in other states. I believe such a measure would not only enhance the lives of veterans like myself but also contribute to building a more supportive environment for those who have served our country.

I sincerely hope you will consider my testimony in support of HB2036, and I trust that this bill will receive the attention and backing it deserves.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Christopher Salmon