



Support HB2011

I write to testify in support of HB2011. I am representing the Kansas Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America. Our Council is in favor of passage of this bill which will exempt military pay for those currently serving from Kansas Income Tax.

We deeply appreciate that this bill recognizes the service of Kansans who serve in the Reserves or National Guard of Kansas or another state. We thank Representative Proctor and the more than two dozen co-sponsors.

At the time of preparation of this testimony, no fiscal note is available. We will reserve comment on the fiscal impact of this bill until the fiscal note is published. We deeply appreciate the outreach and cooperation of the Kansas Department of Revenue leadership to seek accuracy in the demographics and aggregate financial information of Kansas military personnel and service-connected veterans. We stand ready to assist with any future requests for assistance from KDOR staff or the Committee.

We believe Kansas should recognize the honorable service and selfless sacrifice of our National Guard, Reserve, and our active duty military personnel. This bill is far more impactful than a vote about a military monument or other honorific. This bill goes to better meet the needs of every military member striving to take care of their family members.

Kansas cannot raise the gross pay of our military members but **Kansas can—and should— raise take home pay.** This bill will significantly lift the financial security of every military family in Kansas. **Please approve HB2011!**

Respectfully submitted,

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