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To: House Committee on Taxation
From: Spencer Duncan, Government Affairs Director
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RE: HB 2005 – Veteran’s Valor Property Tax Relief
In support – Written Testimony

Thank you to the Chair and Committee for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

The League of Kansas Municipalities is reticent of general tax exemptions or credits that erode the overall tax base. Kansas should have a broad tax base on all goods, services, income, and property. Too many tax exemptions, over time, create a system that puts the tax burden on too few citizens instead of a more equitable distribution which allows the lowering of taxes.

However, there are clear times when a tax exemption or credit serves a greater good and targets those in need and worthy of an exception. HB 2005 benefits veterans, Kansans, and the cities of Kansas.

Kansas has a proud military history and has long welcomed active and retired members of the armed forces. HB 2005 continues this tradition of supporting our veteran’s.

HB 2005 recognizes a veteran’s service to country; provides important financial relief to navigate increasing expenses with limited ability to work; encourages homeownership; promotes independence; has a positive community impact; and keeps people in Kansas.

The cities of Kansas support HB 2005 and ask for your support.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these issues. I am always available to provide additional information and answer any questions you have.

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