

House Federal and State Affairs Committee

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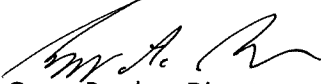
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The Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office (KCVAO) is privileged to support the near quarter million veterans who live in the State of Kansas. Our mission is to serve Kansas veterans, survivors, and their dependents with dignity and compassion. The KCVAO is a principal advocate in ensuring that they receive information, advice, direction, and assistance through the coordination of programs and services on state and federal benefits: medical care benefits, social support, and lasting memorials in recognition of their service to Kansas and the nation.

The Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office supports House Bill 2671 and believes this bill provides an opportunity to increase revenues for the Kansas Lottery while also supporting important funding for Kansas veterans. The Kansas Lottery provides funding to our agency that positively impacts our two veterans' homes, our four veterans' cemeteries, and our mobile veteran service program. The Kansas Lottery funding is critical to the success and operation of these veteran programs and their continued support and funding is required to sustain these services.

On behalf of the KCVAO, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee and for your continued support. I appreciate working with the committee and other parties as we move forward working together helping veterans and their dependents.

Respectfully,



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