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Veterans Committee
Kansas House of Representatives
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka, Ks 66612

RE: HB 2020 Application for Veterans Home Hearing

Dear Sirs:

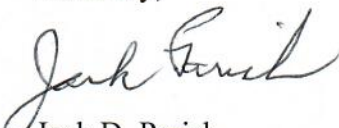
As a veteran of the United States Army who served in Korea in 1963-1964 with the 207 Medical Detachment, I am submitting written testimony as a proponent for the current bills that would create a new veteran's home in the northeast portion of our state. I thank the Veterans Committee for taking on the task of supporting our vets who are in need of this facility.

I am retired widower and 77 years of age, living on social security and a small KPERS pension. The VA sends me a small disability payment for an injury I received in Korea. I get by and generally can pay my bills, but my medical problems are now becoming an issue. What will I do when the day comes I can no longer stay home and care for myself. I live in Wyandotte County where all of my friends, doctors and associates are. The option to travel long distances to one of the two current Kansas VA facilities clear across the state is just not a real option.

This new facility to be built in one of our five northeast counties would be just what the doctor ordered for someone like me. As a member of the VFW Post 1149 I routinely talk with other vets who are in the same boat I am. So I urge the committee to pass this bill on to the whole assembly so that final action can be taken on behalf of all of the states veterans.

God bless you for your work for our vets.

Sincerely,


Jack D. Parish