

Testimony in support of KANSAS House Bills No. 2011 & 2036

To our legislators in the Kansas Government; I strongly urge you to pass both House Bill 2011, amending the taxation of actively serving service members for the state of Kansas, and Bill 2036, amending the property taxation for certain retired and disabled veterans.

In support of House Bill 2011, exempting the pay of our service members from income taxation will assist in their quality of life, recruitment of the next generation of those serving our state and nation, and in showing our support as Kansans for their service. It will also serve to attract more serving Kansans to favorably view their treatment by their home state; easing transition for many to become retired service members residing in our state.

In support of House Bill 2036, exempting property tax for certain retired and disabled veterans provides a strong incentive for veterans to reside in the state of Kansas. They generally bring with them a strong work ethic, a stable family, and a steady pay-check. Veterans bring a steady stream of investment, sales tax, and other revenue to our state. Part of the reason I retired in the state of Kansas was our state's exemption of my federal retirement pay from income taxation. Many states have caught up to our state on the exemption of retirement pay from income taxation; exempting certain property taxes for disabled and retired veterans provides another great incentive for them to retire here in our state.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide my support of these measures.

Your Obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Greer', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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