

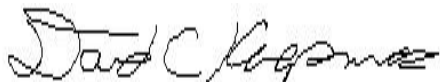
To whom it may concern,

I spent 20 years in the United States Air Force and retired in March, 2014. One of the reasons I stayed in Kansas after I retired is because this state has been good to my family, and we put our roots down here and we plan on remaining here for the remainder of our lives. As a 100% disabled veteran, I truly believe that Senate Bill No. 58 would have a tremendous effect on my family's life, as well as every other veteran who sacrificed for this country and is now permanently and totally disabled because of their military service. This bill would give us some financial freedom to enjoy our lives. Many of us spent 20 plus years serving our country and we have a difficult time enjoying things because our disabilities limit what we are able to do.

As a Veteran Service Officer with The American Legion, I have had the opportunity to speak to other veterans who are looking at moving to other states around Kansas, or they have already moved out of Kansas. One of the main things I hear from these veterans is the tax incentives our surrounding states provide to disabled veterans. Kansas is losing disabled veterans who are receiving monthly VA disability compensation to other states and their money is being spent elsewhere. I believe SB 58 would entice more veterans to either stay in Kansas or look at moving to Kansas because of the incentives provided due their disabled status.

David C. Koopmans

USAF Retired

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Koopmans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "D".