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To: Chairman Ellis,
House Committee on Veterans and Military
Date: 1/24/2023
Re: Proponent Testimony – House Bill 2039

Chairman Ellis, Vice Chair Dodson, Ranking Member Weigel, and members of the committee thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for House Bill 2039.

As all of you know, the veterans of our armed forces have sacrificed much for this country, and many enjoy recreational activities that Kansas has to offer, like hunting and fishing. Last year a constituent in my district, a local businessman who is a disabled veteran, discussed with me the laws regarding hunting and fishing for veterans. He expressed that other states do more to help the quality of life for veterans, and that Kansas could do better.

This is where House Bill 2039 is derived from. By eliminating our high age requirements and fully exempting disabled veterans from license fees we can make Kansas a better state for thousands of our disabled and wounded veterans. This law takes a step forward in acknowledging the debt we owe for their service.

I thank you again for allowing me to present my testimony to the committee. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this bill feel free to contact me by phone or email.

With Regards,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy L. Waymaster'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end.

Troy L. Waymaster
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