## Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee HB 2036

I greatly urge you to support HB2036. Kansas is severely behind the curve when it comes to Disabled Veterans rights. As a 30 year Veteran, who has a disability rating of 90%, I can personally attest that the little things matter. I deployed numerous times as a combat support pilot to the Middle East more times than I can remember. Just because I'm retired now doesn't mean the war has stopped for me. The toll it has physically and psychologically taken on me and my family cannot be put into words.

The sacrifices made by our Veterans, often the financial hardships associated with injuries, and the benefits both mentally and financially would be huge to these Veterans if you can find it in you to support this bill. At a minimum, please look at other states and ask yourselves what does it say about Kansas for not being better to our Veterans? I urge you to support HB2036 and ask you to vote in favor of this most needed legislation.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

LTC Shane Kessler, retired