HB 2036

Dear Senate Tax Committee Members,

I trust this message finds you well. My name is Jose Rojas, and while I currently reside outside the state of Kansas, I wanted to bring to your attention the significant impact property tax exemptions for disabled veterans have had in other states, particularly Virginia. This type of legislation is a powerful incentive for veterans to choose a state for residence, making it a crucial factor in their decision-making process.

In Virginia, where I currently reside, we have witnessed firsthand the positive outcomes of similar exemptions. Veterans, both disabled and retired, actively seek states that provide comprehensive support and recognition for their service, and property tax exemptions are a key consideration. The implementation of such measures has not only enhanced the lives of veterans but has also contributed to the growth and diversity of our community.

HB2036 represents an opportunity for Kansas to align itself with states renowned for their veteran-friendly policies, thereby attracting a demographic that values and contributes to the local community. By offering property tax exemptions to disabled veterans, Kansas not only honors their service but also positions itself as a desirable destination for veterans seeking a supportive and appreciative environment.

I understand the committee will convene on January 16th and 17th to discuss HB2036, and I urge you to consider the broader strategic implications of this legislation. Providing concrete support for disabled veterans through property tax exemptions can significantly enhance the state's reputation among the veteran community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust you will weigh the potential long-term benefits of HB2036 in making Kansas a more attractive and welcoming place for veterans.

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