



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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WITNESS NAME: <b>AARON HARTLEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/17/2026 9:16 AM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>AARON HUFFMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**Our Veteran's sacrificed for our country and now are suffering with the tax burden. Many are unable to work due to PTSD and other injuries they sustained while serving. This is the least we can do to pay them back.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BLAKE LEITCH</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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To the Honorable Members of the Missouri House of Representatives,  
 I am writing to express my full and unwavering support for HJR 115. This proposed constitutional amendment is a vital measure that seeks to provide much-needed property tax relief to Missouri's 100% service-connected disabled veterans and former prisoners of war. Currently, our state constitution provides this exemption only to those who are both a former prisoner of war and 100% disabled. While that is a noble provision, it is far too narrow. HJR 115 corrects this by expanding the exemption to all veterans with a 100% service-connected disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as all former prisoners of war. These individuals have sacrificed their health, their bodies, and their personal liberty in defense of our freedom. They should not be burdened with the threat of losing their homes to property taxes. For a veteran with a 100% disability rating, the challenges of daily life are significant. Many are unable to maintain traditional employment and rely on fixed benefits. As property values and tax rates rise, these veterans often find themselves "priced out" of the very homes they returned to after their service. By exempting their primary homestead from taxation, Missouri can provide these heroes with the permanent housing security they have earned. I also want to highlight the importance of the protections for surviving spouses included in this resolution. When a 100% disabled veteran passes away, the financial and emotional strain on the household is immense. Allowing the surviving spouse to maintain the exemption as long as they occupy and maintain the family homestead is a compassionate and necessary provision that prevents further upheaval during a time of grief. HJR 115 is a clear statement of our state's values. It tells our veterans that Missouri recognizes the total nature of their sacrifice and is committed to supporting them for the rest of their lives. By sending this to the ballot, you are giving Missouri voters the opportunity to honor our most severely injured service members in a tangible, life-changing way. I respectfully urge this committee to support HJR 115 and move it forward for the consideration of the people of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BRUCE A BECKER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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The current exemption on applies to veterans who are disabled and former POWs. That is approximately eight Veterans in the State of Missouri. Every state surrounding Missouri offers tax exemption to disabled veterans. It is time for Missouri to honor their promise to veterans! Please allow the voters to decide. Disabled Veterans are struggling with the cost of inflation and need this to survive.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CALEB DUNCAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I support this bills passing.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHARLES NORRIS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**As a disabled veteran, I stand by other disabled veterans and loudly proclaim this measure, if it is signed into law, would dramatically help disabled veterans. It would relieve some of the financial pressure and stress we deal with along with the stress and pressure of our physical ailments.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DAVID KAUFMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I understand POW's getting tax exemption. What about Desert Storm veterans who are 100% service connected veterans. They/we deserve tax exemption as well.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DONNA KINDER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I would be there in person if I did not have to be at work. Short notice is never what a veteran does to be off work but this change needs to happen. It is my belief that it was never the original intent but rather was always to use the word OR instead of AND. We should fix what has been broken for years. Do what is right for Veterans.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>GERALD RICHARD GARTLAND</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please consider property tax exemption for veterans. I understand our surrounding states offer many more benefits to our veterans. Missouri should not only follow suit, but take the lead in taking care of our nations veterans



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JACKIE R DEGGINGER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JEFF BORNEFELD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I fully support HJR 115**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JERYL L BENNETT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**As a 100% disabled Viet Nam veteran, this reduction in property taxes would allow me and my wife to use those funds to ease the strain on our budget. With the current inflation and continual increase in prices, this relief would allow just that, relief to use these funds elsewhere. \$1515 is not much money to the State of Missouri, but it is to me.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN WALTER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I'm a 75 year old Vietnam Veteran living in Highlandville Missouri.  
I have chronic Heart Disease, Parkinson's Disease, prostate cancer, and severe PTSD.  
All are the result of exposure to Agent Orange while serving in the Jungles of Vietnam in 1970 and 1971.  
I am giving my testimony as a witness that agent orange has affected my life.  
I've been unable to work and hold a job since 2014. The adverse effects on my health due to the time in service to my country 56 years ago has kept me in pain and left me helpless for 12 years now.  
My wife has had to quit her job as a teacher to stay home and care for me.  
The financial burden of not working has been devastating to our lives.  
This bill would make a world of difference to us by elimination of the property tax burden (on our home that we have recently paid off after 30 years of payments) we struggle to pay for every January.  
Please, vote with your heart.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOSEPH CLARKSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please pass HJR 115 . This is life changing. Most active duty soldiers are 19 or 20 year old kids. If they where to have been hit by an IED and received a TBI, They will appear normal but might not be function fully and being employable. I took a job making 7 dollars an hour less and having to pay for my medical insurance due to war related injuries and toxic expose. This drastically altered my income.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOSEPH L. SCHMITZ</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JUSTIN GARRETT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I support the passage of HJR115.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KELLIS RICHARDSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I believe the veterans that served this nation have given enough to this country. And the majority of them continue to serve in some capacity through their local VFW's and other nonprofit organizations.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KENNETH ELLIOTT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I support HJR 115 -- PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS and will support the legislators work to get this passed



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KEVIN SEYMOUR</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**Veterans disabled are having a hard enough time. They should have a break on property tax.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KEVIN WOLFE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**TO:** House Committee on Veterans and Armed Forces

**FROM:** Kevin R. Wolfe, Army Veteran

**DATE:** February 17, 2026

**RE:** Support of HJR 115 – Constitutional Amendment for Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemptions

Dear Chairman Griffith and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kevin Wolfe, and I am a resident of Boone County. I am writing to you today as a veteran who proudly served in the U.S. Army and currently holds a 100% service-connected disability rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs. I urge you to support HJR 115.

Missouri is a state that prides itself on being "veteran-friendly," yet our current Constitution contains a significant gap. By requiring a veteran to be both 100% disabled and a former Prisoner of War to receive a property tax exemption, we effectively exclude nearly all of Missouri's most severely injured veterans. According to recent data, fewer than 20 veterans in our entire state currently qualify under the POW requirement.

For veterans like myself, our home is often our sanctuary—the place where we manage the physical and mental wounds of our service. However, as property taxes continue to rise, many of us living on a fixed VA disability income are being "taxed out" of the very homes we fought to protect.

Passing HJR 115 would:

- \* **Provide Financial Security:** Ensure that 100% disabled veterans can afford to stay in their homes without the fear of rising assessments.

- \* **Protect Our Families:** Provide peace of mind that our surviving spouses will not lose their primary residence after we pass away.

- \* **Fix an Inequity:** Align Missouri with neighboring states that already offer this basic benefit to those who sacrificed their health for our country.

**My disability is a daily reminder of my service to this nation. I ask that the state of Missouri recognize that sacrifice not just with words, but with the tangible relief provided in HJR 115.**

**I respectfully ask the committee to vote "Do Pass" on this resolution and allow the citizens of Missouri to decide this issue at the ballot box.**

**Sincerely,  
Kevin Wolfe  
18210 Old Hwy 63 N  
Sturgeon MO 65284  
kevin.wolfe78@gmail.com  
573-296-8992**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LEE STEWART</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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**Stop taxing taxes.**



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It is time for Missouri to recognize property tax exemptions for disabled veterans. There are 22 states that are exempted as of today. Almost all the states surrounding MO are exempted (ARKANSAS, IOWA, ILLINOIS and OKLAHOMA). Missouri is home to nine military installations, contributing to the nation's defense capabilities. Missouri's military installation play a crucial role in maintaining and training the Armed Forces, contributing significantly to the overall military strength of the United States. Missouri should step up to provide disabled veterans property tax exemption to ensure that veterans with 100% service connected disability ratings receive the necessary support to maintain their homes. HJR 115 can provide a meaningful tax relief and protect veterans' ability to remain in their homes. The current restrictions on property tax exemptions are too narrow and restrictive that leaves many disabled veterans out who need relief. This amendment aligns Missouri along with partner states that provides best practices and ensures long-term stability for veterans and their loved ones.



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**100%disabled military veterans should not have to pay Real Estate or Personal property taxes . They served our country and should get tax relief**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LISA BEQUETTE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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**My husband is a disabled veteran it is very difficult for us to come up with the money to pay for our property taxes. We put money away every month when we can to go towards our property taxes but we still have to scrape & have to let other bills go unpaid**



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**As a retired veteran, I highly support this bill. It is a small price to pay for the sacrifices of our military members! Veterans chose Missouri as home because of this great state, now it's time to live up to that expectation and pass this bill.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARTY ALTERSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**On behalf of ALL Veterans of Missouri, I support this bill and would be a very grateful Veteran with your support**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MATHIAS JUNGERS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**As a 27-year military combat veteran, I absolutely support this. Allow us to actually have a chance to own our homes. Property tax is a leash for it to be taken away if we life happens, especially with uncertainty of injuries we have incurred, and we can't pay the property tax.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL KEESEY II</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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Many states throughout the Midwest have granted homestead exemptions to 100% permanent and total disabled veterans. It is long overdue as many previous bills failed to materialize. The state of Missouri and its lawmakers need to signal their commitment and support to its veterans.



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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL W SCHROEDER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-636-9998</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW)</b>		TITLE: <b>LEGISLATIVE CO-CHAIRMAN</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>3401 KNIPP DRIVE</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65109</b>
EMAIL: <b>legislativechrm2@movfw.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/18/2026 5:52 PM</b>	

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**Special Committee on Tax Reform  
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**Chairman Coleman and members of the committee:**

**Special Committee on Tax Reform  
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**Chairman Coleman and members of the committee:**

**Good morning, Chairman Coleman and members of the Committee.**

**My name is Mike Schroeder, National Legislative Committee member and Legislative Co-Chairmen for the Department of Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars.**

**On behalf of the Department of Missouri VFW, we strongly support the Missouri Association of Veterans Organization (MAVO) regarding HJR 115.**

**This measure provides essential property tax relief for Missouri’s disabled veterans and qualifying surviving spouses — individuals who live with the lasting impacts and often rely on fixed incomes. Veterans should not face hardship or instability due to financial difficulties arising from service-related disabilities.**

**The VFW proudly stands with the Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) in supporting this effort. HJR 115 is a responsible, targeted, and meaningful way for Missouri to honor the sacrifices of those who have borne the cost of our nation’s defense.**

**Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to Missouri’s veterans.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHEAL BENOIT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHELLE KITSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHELLE SELESNICK</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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Missouri should adopt Illinois' comprehensive property tax exemptions for disabled veterans to better honor their sacrifices and provide meaningful financial relief. By implementing tiered reductions based on disability levels—starting at 30% and offering full exemptions for those at 70% or higher—Missouri could ensure broader access to benefits without relying on optional county programs, ultimately easing the burden on veterans and their families while fostering a more supportive environment for those who served. Having worked for the Department of veterans affairs for 22 years, I've had many Illinois veterans say they would rather live in Missouri, but can't because they don't offer the same property tax exemptions.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MIKE BATH</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am a disabled veteran with a 70% rating but also considered unemployable by the VA. I can not make more than the poverty limit per the VA.

I believe this should not apply to only those that are 100%, but also those veterans like myself that are considered total and permanent.

Passage of this would alleviate financial tax burdens with my limited income.

Thank you for you consideration of my testimony.

Mike Bath

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WITNESS NAME: <b>NATHAN A SHELTON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**Im in support of tax exemption for mo vets.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>NATHAN THOMECZEK</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I support this bill.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>OSCAR PEREZ III</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I am a 100% disabled veteran that moved from Texas and I would appreciate the same tax relief here in Missouri that I was granted there. It would mean so much to me and my family. Thank you.**



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**It's time veterans received the treatment and benefits they fought for**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RONALD JOSEPH JONES</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**It will help me and the wife**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SCOTT SCHULTZ</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**Disabled veterans deserve property tax exemptions. We've done and sacrificed enough. Some disabled veterans are living on fixed income. Those on fixed income, have spouses and children that rely on them.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>STEPHAN SHELTMIRE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**As a US Army veteran and Legislative Chair for my Veterans Service Organization, I would like to express support for HJR-115. BOTH 100% disabled veterans AND former POWs gave much for their country during their service and certainly, for either of those categories, deserve our support and consideration in the passing of HJR-115. Let's show our thanks. Thank you for YOUR service.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>THERESA BUEHLER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**My name is Theresa Buehler and I live in Warrensburg MO. My husband Ryan and I both retired from the United States Air Force and both rated 100% Permanent and Total disabled veterans by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.**

**Together, we served 42 years on active duty, with a combined nine deployments and two remote assignments in support of our nation's defense. We proudly dedicated the majority of our adult lives to military service. The disabilities we now live with are a direct result of that service.**

**HJR 115 represents recognition of the sacrifices made by Missouri veterans who continue to carry the physical and lasting impacts of their military service. Supporting this resolution affirms Missouri's commitment to those who answered the call and fulfilled their obligations to this country.**

**We respectfully ask this committee and the Missouri House of Representatives to vote in favor of HJR 115.**

**Thank you**

**Theresa Buehler  
Master Sergeant (retired)  
USAF**



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Missouri has the 16th-highest veteran population in America. Missouri should be setting an example for the other States in supporting 100% Disabled Veterans and their families with real Property Tax Relief, Not be one of the Worse Supporting State in the Midwest!

Currently the Only Missouri Veterans to receive Property Tax Relief with Property Tax; Are Veterans who are 100% P&T rating and Former POWs, they are exempt from all property taxes. (This Tax exemption affects a mere 6-9 Veterans in the entire State of Missouri, Other veterans with a 100% rating may qualify for a property tax credit of up to \$1,100 if their income is less than \$30K for single filers or \$34K for married, Really? This imposed poverty level financial limitation requirement in 2025 is sub-standard. Enough Talk! Bring Missouri Disabled Veterans deserve better!

This legislation concern of assisting Veterans has been brought up numerous times in the past several years, now is the time. This needs to be a Non-Partisan Political issue that both Democrats and Republicans should get fixed ASAP!

I am a Missouri 31yr Army Special Forces Combat Veteran I served in Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo and Africa. Legislators it's time to assist our Disabled Veterans and their families.



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It's time we get onboard with our surrounding States and take care of our veterans. Our current vets are moving across State lines (KS, AR, and IL) to receive tax breaks taking away from businesses here in MO. Lose lose for everyone.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>TROY WILLIAMS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-536-2434</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS ORG MAVO</b>		TITLE: <b>LEG. CHAIR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>221 FREDERICKS LN</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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**I fully support this bill. Missouri veterans have sacrificed so much for their country and state. Disabled veterans are struggling enough as it is with housing costs. It's time Missouri showed action instead of just claiming it supports its veterans.**



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**I am Opposed to this Bill. We already do more than any other State for Veterans. This Bill is very unfair to all of the other Missouri Residents who are 100% Disabled. This is bad Public-Policy and is unaffordable at the County, City and Special District Levels of providing services to Residents.**



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**I am Opposed to this Bill. This Bill is very Unfair and Unconstitutional to all other Missouri Disabled Citizens.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>COLE ARREOLA-KARR</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-861-7418</b>
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE:
ADDRESS: <b>1080 NW OUTER ROAD</b>		
CITY: <b>BLUE SPRINGS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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