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My name is Richie Mendoza and I'm an Air Force Veteran. I served 10 years in the United States Air Force and planned on staying the full 20 until I was suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) while on deployment. As much as I wanted the continue serving, the Air Force thought it was best to medically retire me. My options then were to go back home to Salem where I grew with my family and support system or stay in Washington with my spouse and child. I chose Washington because of the very issue SB540 is looking to address.

Being 100% disabled and medically retired, my retirement is what I need to keep a roof over my head, but my father, mother, brother, and sister are the support system my family needs to feel at home. I'd like to move back to Oregon and I hope you will support SB540 to help me and many others make that same move. Thank you.