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My name is Anna Munson. I am here to speak in support for HB 3287 that would grant higher property tax breaks for disabled veterans and their spouse who remains unmarried.

I am married for 40 yrs to my husband Jeff Munson, a 100% disabled Vietnam Veteran with complications of Agent Orange Exposure.

I want explain why this bill would be very helpful to disabled veterans and their spouses:

My husband is very proud of his service, he volunteered. The long-term consequences of his service has had a heavy price. His health has declined through the years in major ways:

- o A heart attack in his 40's, complications of Congestive Heart Failure, Multiple Cardiac Stents.
- o Insulin Dependent Diabetes
- o High Blood Pressure
- o And more recently, an inability to walk any distance- He now requires a scooter, even to go to the mailbox across the street.

There are many expenses that we must incur that are not foreseen or reimbursable to maintain his Quality of Life, but for us are necessary. For Example: The scooter, the ramp that had to be built to allow the scooter; in the house, the bathroom remodeling needed to allow him to bathe and more to accommodate his disabilities. To name a few.

Our income is fixed, we live on Social Security, disability and what we were able to save for our retirement. Inflation and rising costs have always been a concern to us. Making ends meet these days is more difficult.

Property taxes are a must priority, we cannot survive outside our home. Property taxes take up a significant portion of our funds.

This tax break is more than a mere token for us and other disabled veterans and their widows who remain unmarried.

Please realize that this is a practical way to let our disabled veteran and a widow who remained unmarried know of our gratitude for their sacrifice and service to our country and for the widow their commitment to their spouse.

This is small population group, but one who served and gave their health for this country long after their service ended.

Rising costs and property taxes is a large annual debt that must be paid to continue

to live in their home.

The passage of HB 3287 for disabled veterans and their widows who remain unmarried will be an assurance for them that the ability to remain in their home will be secure for their lives.

No greater love has a person than that they give up their life for their friend-- disabled veterans and their spouse who remain unmarried answer this call while living.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 3287.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Munson