

To whom it may concern,

To put it colloquially, the passage of HB 2050 is a “no brainer.” It is no secret that our veterans have paid an often immense price to help us preserve our safety and way of life here at home – they have paid in time with their wives, children, and other family members; time spent in difficult and often dangerous conditions; and with their health (both mental and physical), mobility, and in years taken off of their lives due to the conditions they have endured. It is a similarly glib, yet undeniable truth that, after performing their duties with dedication and honor, many of our veterans are marginalized, both financially and socially, upon the end of their tour of service. This, unfortunately, is not new. HB 2050 will be a step towards ensuring that this becomes a thing of the past. Please pass HB 2050 so that the State of Oregon and its citizens can have the back of those who had ours.

Very respectfully,

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