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I feel that this measure would be an excellent way of showing our Veterans just how much we appreciate their sacrifices. I am a spouse of a Veteran and when I think about all of the times we were left alone in foreign countries I am saddened by how much time we lost with my husband. My kids missed their father. We moved so often that our kids never had any roots. Which is one thing they regret about their childhood.

The retirement my husband receives is not much. It does help though. But, if we were able to keep more of our retirement we could feel a little more secure about our circumstances. Right now we both work full time and still just barely stay afloat. Most people today don't realize what it means to raise your hand and pledge to defend your country to death if need be. They are so willing to hand over the very rights my husband spent his whole career to defend. It is very sad. The military was never a career choice that you would get rich on but, they way inflation has just went through the roof after we pay taxes on it, there is not much left to live on. Honor Our Veterans. Support no state tax on Veterans retirement pay.