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On Behalf Of: Oregon Veterans  
Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General  
Government, and Veterans  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2050

Dear Honorable Members of the Oregon House of Representatives,

I am writing to you as an Iraq War Veteran and a proud retired officer of the United States Army for 23 years, on behalf of myself and all Oregon Veterans who would benefit from the passage of House Bill 2050. This legislation, which would exempt from state income tax all retirement pay or pension received for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, represents a powerful opportunity to honor the sacrifices made by those who have defended our nation's freedoms.

For over two decades, I served this country with unwavering dedication, as did countless other Oregon Veterans, to protect the values and liberties we hold dear. Our service was not just a duty—it was a commitment to the ideals that make our communities, state, and nation a better place. HB 2050 is a chance to ensure that veterans like me, who have given so much, can enjoy the retirement we've earned without the burden of state income tax diminishing it.

I urge you to pass this bill, not only as a practical measure of support but as a patriotic gesture of gratitude. Oregon's veterans have stood tall for this state and this nation—now it's time for us to stand with them. Thank you for considering this testimony and for recognizing the debt we owe to those who have served. With deep respect and hope, I ask you to vote yes on HB 2050.

Sincerely,

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