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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2050

Id like to first thank the committee for considering this important bill, and for all the work you do for our great state.

HB 2050 is an important piece of legislation not because it gives a break to Oregon retired veterans. Rather, it is an opportunity to implement proven economic strategy that will benefit all Oregonians, encourage Oregon's veterans to remain or return to Oregon upon their retirement from the military, and place Oregon as a leader amongst the states in supporting and honoring the service of our great warriors through tangible actions.

Throughout my 21-year career I've witnessed countless veterans retire and leave Oregon to retire in states where veteran's retirement benefits far exceed those of Oregon. Every year economist publish a list of the best states for veterans to retire in. Oregon consistently ranks in the bottom five worst states for veterans to retire. The reality is this, Oregon veterans cannot afford to retire in the state they've lived and served. Today you have an opportunity to change that.

Passing this bill is an enormous opportunity to incentivize retired veterans to return to Oregon, begin a second career and contribute to our state and local economies, while continuing to provide invaluable contributions to their communities.

Additionally, this legislation will incentivize veterans from other states to move to and invest in Oregon! Approval of this bill will move Oregon into the forefront of retirement destinations for veterans, bringing with them the skills, talents, dedication and commitment to community the veteran community is so well known for.

I encourage the committee members to vote yes on HB 2050, vote yes for economic growth and stability, vote yes for showing our veterans that Oregon values them, and vote yes to encouraging veterans from across this nation to make Oregon their retirement destination.

Again thank for consideration, and for your service to our great state!

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