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As a 25-year veteran of the US Air Force and Oregon Air National Guard, I support HB 2050. For over 200 years, veterans have made significant sacrifices for their nation and state. By passing this Bill, Oregon would join about 26 states that do not tax military retiree pay, aligning with approximately 35 states overall.

States across the country reduce or eliminate property taxes for disabled veterans, retired veterans, and their surviving spouses. Texas, Florida, and Illinois offer full exemptions for 100% disabled veterans, while Arizona and Virginia provide substantial reductions for those with lower disability ratings. Washington offers tax relief based on income and disability status.

Once signed into law, Oregon will honor its veterans meaningfully. By expanding property tax exemptions, this legislation will alleviate financial burdens and prevent hardship.

HB2050 is about more than tax relief; it shows appreciation for those who have defended our nation. Oregon has always supported its military service members, and HB2050 embodies that support in action.

I join my fellow Oregon veterans and their families strongly urging State lawmakers to pass HB2050.

Sincerely,
Mike Allegre
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