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On Behalf Of:

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Good afternoon,

I am currently serving in the Oregon Air National Guard. I grew up in Springfield, OR, joined Active-Duty Air Force and served across the country for a number of years. I returned home and lived in Eugene for a while, then joined the Oregon Air National Guard and have been here since 2010. For many years I've seen people retire and move out of state due to the higher tax rates on retiree pay in Oregon. Even my realtor has told me stories about how so many people retire and move to Vancouver, WA to get relief on retirement pay taxes. I currently live in Washington myself, due to the extreme taxes imposed by Multnomah County and future taxes on my retirement pay if I lived in Oregon. If legislation passes, reducing or removing taxes on veteran's retirement pay I would be very interested in moving back. I will retire at age 52 and many know it gets very challenging finding work in our later years. (Many of my years was spent as a mechanic to they've been hard years; 52 seems pretty late to me.) I would my rather enjoy retirement, spend it with family and my new grandkids. Removing taxes from my retirement pay would be a massive benefit and something I would enjoy and take advantage of. I know for certain there are many more like me that would be grateful for this and others that would be desperate to have this to live on. We know we will not be able to count on social security to supplement our retirement pay. Please consider passing this bill and help me move back to my home state.

Thank you,
Randall Harris