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Hello,

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts and feelings concerning House Bill 2845 and why I believe it is essential for Oregon and veterans to support the funds to be allocated to help the demographic that chose to serve our country. In 2008, when I was stationed in Crete, Greece, I got a call from my mom that my 30-year-old cousin had just shot himself. This cousin helped me join the Navy and served faithfully for years in our country before transitioning to a quiet life working at the post office in Polk County. Since getting out in 2010, there have been numerous stories from shipmates and fellow brothers-in-arms about our friends taking their lives after coming home, and a minimal number of known resources, aside from a prevention line, which often does little but act as a holding pattern until the next crisis. All that to say, Oregon veterans need this money to raise awareness about both the causes of veterans' issues and the community to become more aware of men and women like me, my cousin, and all of those who served faithfully. It's time that we are served in the same way.

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