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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5133 AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS.

Dear Senator Carlo Leone, Representative John Hennessy, Senator Gayle Slossberg, Representative Frank Nicastro, Senator Jason Welch, Representative Dave Yaccarino and members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee,

I submit this testimony in support of House Bill 5133, AN ACT CONCERNING AN
EXPANSION OF THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS.

The purpose of this bill is to give veterans the exemptions from taxes outlined in section 12-81 of the general statutes, regardless of the duration of their service or whether they served in a war or not. It has come to my attention that many of our constituents who are veterans have been denied these property tax exemptions simply because their service did not fall into a specific timeframe.

This proposal would expand the eligibility for certain veterans to get the tax exemptions they deserve after the sacrifices they have made for this country. Discriminating against particular veterans based on amount of time served or whether they fought in a war is unjust to these men and women who have surrendered so much regardless of these factors, especially considering it is out of the hands of many of these veterans whether their time of service occurred during a time of war or conflict. The State of Connecticut and local municipalities should honor the service of all veterans by offering them these property tax exemptions that are now only available to a select few.

I urge the committee's favorable consideration of House Bill 5133.