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Testimony of State Representative John Hampton, 16<sup>th</sup> District, in Support of:

SB No. 520 AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY  
SB No. 524 AN ACT EXEMPTING STATE ACTIVE DUTY PAY FROM THE INCOME TAX  
SB No. 526 AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCOME TAX EXEMPTION TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED  
FORCES AND VETERANS

Committee on Veteran's Affairs Committee Public Hearing  
Tuesday, February 17th, 12pm  
Room 1B

Chairman Hennessy, Chairman Flexer, Members of the Committee on Veteran's Affairs, for the record my name is John Hampton, State Representative for the town of Simsbury, 16th District and I am here to testify in support of Senate Bills 520, 524 and 526.

I would like to thank the committee for raising these bills and the opportunity to submit testimony here today. I had introduced very similar legislation HB 6592 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY, which would have increased the state income tax exemption on military retirement pay to one hundred per cent. I am glad to see that the committee has decided to raise very similar language to create a full income tax exemption for Veterans.

I introduced the bill on behalf of a constituent of mine Jason Lill a Chief Warrant Officer who has served active duty in the National Guard for 25 years. I would like to thank him personally for his advocacy on behalf of our Veterans and for his service. In Simsbury, we are very proud of our Veterans, as we are in many other towns across our great state and nation. It is because of them that we enjoy the freedoms we have today. In fact, our Veteran's group in Simsbury is also currently working on a Veterans' memorial project in our town, which is just another way we can thank and pay tribute to those who are brave enough to put on the uniform.

I believe that this legislation, if passed, will also send a strong message that we appreciate Connecticut veterans by providing them meaningful tax relief. This exemption, in conjunction with other job training and hiring programs, property tax credits and all other types of veteran's benefits are the least we can do. I also believe that this income tax exemption will also help in attracting more men and women to serve in our military, knowing that they will be able to keep more of their hard earned pay for the sacrifice their family and them provide to our country. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit written testimony here today and I strongly urge passage of these bills.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hampton".

John Hampton