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**Testimony**  
**In Support Of H.B. No. 6713 An Act Increasing The Retirement Age for The Horse Guard**  
**Commandants**  
**Veterans Affairs Committee**  
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Chairwoman Senator Flexer, Chairman Representative Hennessey, Ranking Member Senator Martin, Ranking Member Representative Yaccarino and distinguished members of the Veterans Affairs Committee, I am here today to testify in support of House Bill 6713 - An Act Increasing the Retirement Age for the Horse Guard Commandants.

Part of the wonderful charm of living in Connecticut is our rich history. As one of the original colonies, Connecticut has had a front row seat to the many historical events that have taken place over the lifetime of our great nation. As someone who represents a portion of Newtown, I am proud to say that the Second Company Governor's Horse Guard is a part of that rich history and does a tremendous amount of work to keep the legacy alive.

The Horse Guard is an all-volunteer state militia unit, originally formed to attend and escort the Governor. As an active Cavalry Unit, they serve the Governor and the State of Connecticut at the direction of the Connecticut Army National Guard, under the command of the Adjutant General. One of the oldest cavalry units in continuous service in the United States, the Horse Guard was chartered in 1808 and has had a history throughout the years of dedicated service to the citizenry of the State of Connecticut in times of peace and war and to the preservation of the Cavalry in Connecticut.

House Bill 6713 will help the Horse Guard continue to the good work it has been doing under their current leadership and I encourage the Veterans Committee to pass this legislation. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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