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Sen Cummings,

Thanks for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Military retiree exemption to the Senate Finance Committee today. While I know there are competing priorities and apparent philosophies on this issue -- I sincerely hope that we can pass some legislation that we will be proud of as a State...in a State that prides itself on social issues. There is no greater social issue than to support those who serve & defend your freedoms. Those who serve in our military are from all political parties and they in turn support each of you for the work that you do in the service to our State.

This is not about simply honoring military service - but rather a complex set of variables that contribute to the decisional process for a military retiree and how that can impact the health and well being of the State. Our thinking should be to attract and retain many different populations of folks to Vermont , and this is one source that can provide a highly skilled, dedicated, and loyal workforce and citizens to our state with children and families.

Semper Paratus,

CAPT Jim Mazzonna (retired) - US Coast Guard

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