

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am reaching out concerning S.17 and H.43 urging you to support this measure this legislative session. My husband has contributed forty-one years to the Vermont Air Guard, retiring this year. I would like to appeal to you as a Vermonter to honor and support those who have served our nation.

As a retiree without the removal of state taxation on military retirement pay and survivor benefits, we will face the hard realization of moving out of Vermont due to the high costs of living here. Our family is richly engaged in Vermont's economy working in healthcare, manufacturing and owning small businesses. They will also follow our example of finding a more financially achievable location to raise their children.

Thank you for taking the time to understand my plead to create a tax environment that respects and rewards service that will not only attract military retirees but also contribute to a broader, more resilient economic landscape in Vermont.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Fitzgerald