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Madam Chair and committee,

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I want to take the time to thank you for allowing me to testify to the committee on bill 2076. This bill is changing the current exemptions on who does not have to pay for a hunting and fishing license. I have added a disabled veteran of 30 percent or more, with a letter from the Veterans Administration stating they were 30 percent or greater disabled, a free hunting and fishing license.

To give a little history about the free hunting and fishing license for disabled veterans. About 6 years ago there was a bill placed in the budget committee allowing for this. In my freshman year we left that in the appropriations bill. It was only given if there was enough money to allow for it. There are other states that are doing this for their disabled veterans. These men and women gave up part of their physical well being for their country, such as losing a limb or eye.

I feel the state should honor these special veterans in some way. I do not feel that we as a state do enough for these men and women. Most of these individuals volunteered to join the military even though they knew that they could get injured while serving their country. This is such a small thing we can do for them that I feel this should be done.

I am asking that you pass this bill to the house floor to show that we as a state honor this special group of veterans.

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