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The Honorable Jacob LaTurner
Senate of the State of Kansas
Chairman, Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Street, Room 136-E
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The following information is being provided in regard to Senate Bill 76. I respectfully request you take the following written remarks into consideration.

As SB76 is currently written, I oppose the measure because the bill's application to members of the Kansas National Guard is unclear. I would, however, support the measure following a technical amendment that clarifies and provides for the inclusion of members of the Kansas National Guard.

If the intent of the bill is to expand employment opportunities by removing financial barriers for veterans and their families living in Kansas, to include members of the Kansas National Guard, I support this measure. I believe this measure can serve to enhance the lives of service members by increasing opportunities to seek employment in Kansas. One possible option to enhance the technical aspects of this bill is as follows:

1. Page 1, Lines 21-23, stricken in their entirety and replaced with,

(6) "Military families" means any member of the armed forces in good standing and their spouses; or, any veteran of the armed forces and their spouses, and surviving spouses of deceased service members who have not remarried.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Armed forces" means the army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast guard, Kansas army or air national guard;

(2) "veteran" means a person who has been separated from the armed forces and was honorably discharged or received a general discharge under honorable conditions.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my views regarding SB76 and for your consideration of these recommendations. Most importantly, thank you for the continued work you do on behalf of our great state and the men and women of the Kansas National Guard.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee E. Tafanelli".

Lee E. Tafanelli
Major General, KSNG
The Adjutant General