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The Honorable Janet Nguyen
Vice Chair, Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee
1020 N St. Room 167A
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: – SUPPORT, AB 1623 (Ramos) Personal Income Taxes: Exclusion: Uniformed Services Retirement Pay: Survivor Benefit Plan Payments

Dear Vice-Chair Nguyen,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 1623 (Ramos), which will provide a state tax exemption for retired members of the uniformed services at age 60.

California is one of the few states that fully tax the pay of its large population of military retirees who significantly benefit the state's economy. California has unfortunately seen a reduction in its numbers of military retirees over the past decade, while the nation's percentages of the military retiree population have increased. Military retirees are often sought by employers due to them being highly skilled, technical, and possessing management experience which California employers currently desire. To honor military service members and create an environment hospitable for military retirees, California must increase incentives for this population.

AB 1623 would extend state benefits to those uniformed service members who have served for twenty years which is the retirement age of military organizations. This bill will also provide that exemption benefits will begin at 60 years of age for those military service members.

For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support AB 1623 (Ramos) and ask that you vote aye when this bill is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".

John M. Vasquez,
District 4 Supervisor and Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC:

Honorable Bill Dodd, Member, California State Senate
Honorable Tim Grayson, Member, California State Assembly
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