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Subject: Budget Committee Testimony

Dear Councilmembers,

Please vote to retain the property tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans. The discussion has mostly used the term "disabled veterans" when it should be "100% (totally) disabled veterans", most of whom are unemployable and/or retired with little or no earned income. Is it fair to require them to go through the yearly indignity and hassle of submitting for yearly tax credits? These veterans many of whom incurred these total disabilities in the service to our country---Have we not given enough? Where is the equal suffering and fairness here?

The exemption for these veterans is not just a category. It has been **earned** through sacrifice and service to our country. What kind of government is it that tries to balance its budget on the backs of the totally disabled? Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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