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has a flavor
the protected will never know.

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1659
SUBMITTED TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE
MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Roland A. Six, a resident of Manchester, New Hampshire. As a dedicated advocate for veteran's rights and a supporter of those who have served our nation, I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1659, "Relative to local property tax exemptions for veterans with a 100 percent disability rating".

For decades, New Hampshire has recognized their sacrifices made by our veterans, particularly those with service-connected disabilities. However, our state's property tax relief for 100% disabled veterans lags behind many others, placing undue financial strain on those who have already given so much.

Property taxes often represent one of the largest fixed expenses for these veterans, threatening their housing stability and long-term financial security. HB 1659 addresses this by establishing a more consistent and meaningful homestead property tax credit, including provisions for veterans with permanent and total disabilities and those requiring home modifications due to service-related injuries.

This bill is not just about fiscal relief – it is about honoring our commitments. Veterans benefits are earned through sacrifice, not discretionary handouts. By passing HB 1659, we can reaffirm New Hampshire's bipartisan tradition of supporting our disabled veterans, ensuring that they can age in place with dignity, and without the constant worry of escalating property taxes. Studies show that such exemptions not only aid individual veterans but also strengthen communities by promoting stability and reducing reliance on other social services.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of
Liberty."



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--- Wendell Phillips, (1852)

I urge the committee to advance HB 1659 favorably. This legislation represents a critical step towards restoring equity and respect for our veterans in state policy. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the people of New Hampshire.

Respectfully,



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