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**ISSUE:** Article 6, Taxation of the Governor's FY 2023 Budget, H7123

**POSITION:** FOR the Governor's Proposal to Phase Out Taxation of Military Service Pensions

This provision would benefit the State of Rhode Island by removing a disincentive for military service members to retire here. I chose to move to Rhode Island after my retirement because this is where my elderly parents live. When they move on or move to the south I will surely follow as there is no incentive for me to stay.

I work on Naval Station Newport. There are 13 people in my department and we are all military retirees. 5 of them chose to take up residence in Massachusetts and Connecticut because of the tax on their military retirement!!! That is nearly half the people I work with, whose income could be going to local communities, towns, etc. and instead our neighboring states reap the benefits!

As most other states have concluded, it is to the state's benefit to encourage retiring service members to stay, and to attract others to move here.

Military retirees contribute to their communities and add to the economy by bringing life-long incomes, healthcare, and eligibility for other veteran's benefits such as the GI bill, small business loans, VA home loans, and more. Military retirees possess valuable skills and have many years of productive work ahead of them. Keeping them here and attracting more would contribute to Rhode Island's economic competitiveness by making it a more attractive location for job-creating businesses.

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