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I would like to put my full support behind the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, Article 6, Taxation, which recommends phasing out the taxation of military service pensions for state tax purposes over a five-year period. Twenty-percent of taxpayer's military service pension benefits included in federal adjusted gross income would be subtracted for tax year 2023, 40 percent for tax year 2024, 60 percent for tax year 2025, 80 percent for tax year 2026, and 100 percent for tax year 2027. Currently, Rhode Island is only one of four states that do not provide a specific state income tax preference for military pension income and it is about time to change that for the better.

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