

Testimony on H-5309

Chairman Casey and members of the House Municipal Government & Housing Committee. My name is John Gallo and I am the Chairman of the Legislation Committee of the United Veterans Council of RI. The UVCRI is made up of nine mayor veterans organizations that has a State Department in Rhode Island.

We are in Favorable of H-5309

House Bill No. [5309](#)

BY Voas, Giraldo, Messier, Stewart, Casey, Finkelman, Marszalkowski, DeSimone, Read, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the minimum veterans' exemption from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) with respect to municipal taxes.)

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02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
Thursday, 02/27/2025 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#). House Lounge @ Rise.

Thank you Representative Voas for sponsoring this legislation and Representatives Giraldo, Messier, Steward, Casey, Finkelman, Marszalkowski, DeSimone, Read and Solomon for cosponsoring this veterans' legislation.

That's a significant increase in the veterans' exemption for municipal taxes. Raising the exemption from \$1,000 to \$6,000 can provide substantial financial relief for veterans and their families, helping to reduce their overall tax burden in those municipalities that do not allow this amount as a property tax exemption.

Respectfully Submitted,

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