

Testimony on H-5370

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-5370

House Bill No. [5370](#)

BY Casimiro, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Provides tax credits or the equivalent assessment dollars to veterans, gold star parents, visually impaired persons and the elderly.)

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02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing Thursday, 02/27/2025 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#). House Lounge @ Rise.

Thank you Representative Casimiro for sponsoring this legislation and Representatives and Craven for cosponsoring this veterans' legislation.

This act is designed to provide various tax credits and relief to multiple groups of people in North Kingstown. By offering these tax credits, it acknowledges the sacrifices made by veterans, gold star parents, the legally blind, and senior citizens. Specifically:

- **Veterans and Gold Star Parents:** A \$200 tax credit or the equivalent assessment dollars.
- **Legally Blind:** A tax dollar credit or the equivalent assessment dollars.
- **Owner-Occupied Real Property for Persons Over 65:** A \$450 tax credit or the equivalent assessment dollars.

These measures can help alleviate financial burdens and show appreciation for the service and challenges faced by these individuals.

Respectfully Submitted,

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