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Mr. Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Committee Members:

I speak in support of HB 2625. This bill will reduce administrative burdens placed upon service-connected disabled veterans and surviving family members. Provisions in companion bill HB 2624 establish that federal disability determinations are final for the State of Kansas. Therefore, no Kansas executive branch official shall request or demand any other document or improvise an authentication procedure to establish eligibility for any benefit derived from service-connection disability suffered by a Kansas veteran except basic identity documents. This bill will establish the basic documents needed to establish a veteran's identity.

Thank you for your consideration of House Bill 2625. I will stand for questions when appropriate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Thompson", written in a cursive style.

Mike Thompson  
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