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Testimonie:

During the Vietnam War to which I deployed 3 times, I was told we were fighting in Vietnam to stop the spread of Communism. We lost and now Vietnam is a communist Country I can see socialism and Communism spreading in this country and so do people I know who came here from Communist Countries.

When I came home I was spit on, cursed at and called names such as baby killers, I never killed one baby and don't know any one else who killed babbies, except our government made it legal in the U.S. called "Abortion"

for several years Vietnam Veterans denied they were even in the service let alone in Vietnam, We never talked to anyone about being there or even talked to each other. We were supposed to be ashamed. We now wear our hats, mostly to attract other Vets and we now talk to each other.

We appreciate citizens thanking us for serving our country but I only remember serving a country called The Republic of Vietnam

I support this Bill but some people think we do not deserve this Tax break and it will put a hardship on other Tax payers.

Well we are reducing the amount of Veterans by 20-21 a day who commit suicide.

According to the V.V.A. Almost 3 million of us served in Vietnam and only 800,000 of us are left due to suicide, and Agent Orange this is including the 58,318 on the wall in Washington D.C.

Most of us are in our mid to late 70's and getting close to our end as we have paid our fair share of taxes and contributed to society

The V.A. now sends us mostly out to private practices for our medical, Dental, Heart Surgeries, Cancer etc. procedures. This brings money into the private sectors

Most of my fellow Veterans have already moved to other Veteran friendly States, such as New Mexico, Texas, Florida, Oklahoma to mention a few

The counties can give tax abatements to promote new businesses but can't afford to give disabled veterans tax relief