Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee

Testimony on House Bill 2297

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Charles M. Yunker, Adjutant The American Legion Department of Kansas Monday, January 30, 2012

Mr. Chairman members of the Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee, on behalf of The American Legion Department of Kansas I wish to express our organization's sincere appreciation for granting me the opportunity to address you today in favor of House Bill 2297.

It is The American Legion's long held position to protect veterans and their families' rights and property, especially when a veteran is on active duty in defense of our nation. In the words of American Legion National Legislative Director Tim Tetz HB 2297 offers "protections in the draft legislation are better than those currently provided by federal law".

Section 2, pages 1 thru 3 outlining the steps which must be followed to determine if a defendant in a foreclosure is in the military or a dependent of a military serviceperson will serve as a tremendous step in protecting the rights of those who serve to protect our nation. I would like to express The American Legion's sincere appreciation of the Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Committee for sponsoring HB 2297.

If I may, page 3, line 18 refers to a "section 6 of this act"; I believe that is a typo as there are four sections to HB 2297.

Again I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you today in favor of House Bill 2297; we recommend swift passage. I stand for any questions you may have.

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