

January 25, 2005

Representative Ray Weter
201 West Capitol Avenue
Room 400CB
Jefferson City, MO 65101

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Sincerely;

Michael W. Files

Resident of Rockaway Beach, MO
(417) 561-9686

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(417) 561 4153

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(417) 561-5051

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Margaret E. Cox

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Resident of Merriam Woods, MO
(417) 561-6000



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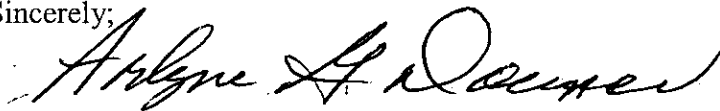
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Resident of MERRIAM WOODS, MO
(417) 561-8925

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Resident of Merriam Woods, MO
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K. Dwayne Fowler

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David A. Gundlach

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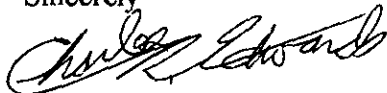
To: Representative Raymond Weter
From: Major Charles R. Edwards, USA Retired

Subject: Department of Defense (DOD) Actuary, dated September 30, 2003

1. One of the best long term economic projects the State of Missouri could legislate is to provide the right economic incentives to attract retired personnel. As of 2003 there were 34,082 retired officers and enlisted personnel residing in Missouri who contributed over \$530 million to the State's economy from just their military retired pay alone.
2. Consider the long range economic impact of losing a military retiree family. The average retired income of a military retiree choosing to live in Missouri is \$15,565.00.- Most retirees retire in an age bracket of 40-50 years of age. The \$15,565.00 average annual retiree spendable income subjected to state sales tax, real estate taxes, license taxes and personnel property taxes alone will offset the State Income Tax exemption that should be provided to military retirees who chose to live in Missouri.
3. There are considerable additional benefits from having a retiring military person choose to retire in Missouri. Because the majority of military retirees retire between the ages of 40 and 50, they will have many good years left and will seek second career opportunities. All second career income will be subject to all Missouri state taxes. By the time they reach eligibility for Social Security benefits, they will have contributed 15 to 25 years of military retired pay, 15 to 25 years of a second income and eventually Social Security retirement as well as a possible second pension to the Missouri economy.
4. Military retirees are mature, law abiding citizens who pose no major burden on society or the economy. These individuals are well educated, the majority of their children are grown and not a burden on the school system and they possess an excellent Federally funded health care program.
5. An increase of just 10% more military retirees in the State of Missouri would add another \$53 million to the state's economy. Now is the time for Missouri to act on its economic future, and enact legislation to exempt military retired pay from the state income tax.

During this session of the Missouri General Assembly, Mr. Jay Wasson of Nixa will be introducing a bill to exempt Military Retired Pay from Missouri Income Tax. Please contact Mr. Wassons office and add your name as a cosponsor.

Sincerely



Maj. USA Ret.

(717) 581-0109



Mr. Charles Edwards
1644 W. Lifecare Cir.
Ozark, MO 65721-6713

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Carl V. Steidel

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CenturyTel Co.

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Martha J. Williams
2001 Manitou

Merriam Woods, Mo. 65740

Resident of _____, MO
(417) _____

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Marie Christian

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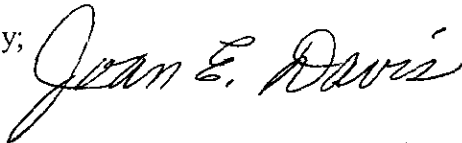
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(417) 561-4719

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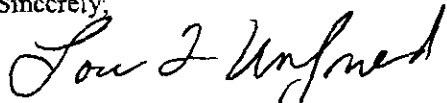
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Sincerely; *Rev. Keith F. Bender*
Mrs. Kay Bender

Resident of *Merriam Woods Village*, MO
(417) *561-1008*

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Margaret Wallace
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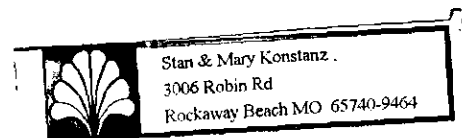
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*Stanley D. Konstanz
Mary A. Konstanz*

Resident of Merriam Woods Village, MO
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*(called 2/1/05)
Mayor of Rockaway Beach (CRAYONS)
Village of Merriam Woods - Joyce/Angela Colwell
417-561-4341*

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Nina Long
3003 Robin Rd

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