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The Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars Supports Amendment G

LAKEWOOD, CO - The Veterans of Foreign Wars strongly urges the community to support Amendment G, a crucial proposal to amend the Homestead Act to include veterans rated as Totally Disabled based on Individual Unemployability (TDIU).

This important amendment will ensure that deserving veterans receive the property tax relief they have earned through their service to our country. Currently, veterans determined by the VA to be Totally Disabled due to service-connected disabilities qualify for a property tax exemption under the Homestead Act. However, this exemption is limited to those rated as 100% permanently disabled, leaving many veterans rated as TDIU without the support they rightfully deserve.

In 2006, Colorado voters approved Referendum E, which extended the Homestead Property Tax Exemption to veterans with a service-connected disability rated as 100% permanent. Yet, TDIU is a valid determination of total and permanent disability. Veterans with TDIU status are unable to maintain employment due to service-related disabilities, but they currently do not qualify for this crucial tax exemption.

Amendment G seeks to rectify this oversight by expanding the property tax exemption to include veterans with Individual Unemployability status, potentially allowing an additional 3,400 veterans to benefit from this exemption without impacting TABOR funds. This amendment represents not just a policy adjustment, but a moral obligation to honor those who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms.

Amendment G has garnered bipartisan support, beginning as a Colorado House Resolution that passed 62-0, followed by a unanimous 34-0 vote in the Colorado Senate.

Together, we can take a significant step toward ensuring that all veterans, regardless of their specific disability rating, receive the respect and assistance they deserve.

Let's unite as a community to support our veterans and honor their sacrifices. We encourage every citizen to vote YES on Amendment G.

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