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Senator Shannon Grove 1021 O Street, Room 7150 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Grove:

Homestead Valley Community Council writes in support of your legislation, SB 1073. This important measure provides authorization to county assessors to offer a property tax deduction for disabled veterans proportional to their disability rating as set by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or military service from which the veteran was discharged.

Currently, in California, disabled veterans may request a reduction on their home's assessed value for the purposes of determining property taxes if they are 100% disabled, blind in both eyes or have lost two or more limbs. However, without this bill, a veteran with a life changing 50% disabled rating would continue to be ineligible for this property tax deduction on their disabled rating alone. According to the National Center for Veterans Analysis 2020 assessment, California is home to more than 375,000 veterans with a disability rating of less than 100%. Any of those veterans that own property would be ineligible under current law.

Homestead Valley Community Council is proud to support your efforts, in supporting veterans and working to provide relief for them through Senate Bill 1073. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Harvey

President, Homestead Valley Community Council

On behalf of HVCC