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Chair Loychilk, Vice-Chair Demetriou, Ranking Member Miller,We are honored to have the pleasure to provide proponent testimony in favor of House Bill 69. This bill passing could allow for a more diverse selections of Veteran Service Commissioners that would be selected from veterans that served post 9/11

I am a honorably discharged Army Veteran Ground Radar Surveillance Engineer   who proudly served my country. My Wife and I filled a lawsuit in Hamilton County, Ohio against the Hamilton County Veteran Service Commission to bring attention to the many issues that have impacted us other veterans and to bring awarvess of the biases that   we and other African American Vets have faced in not receiving equal treatment in the delivery of sevices from Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission. Based on recent reporting in the news in hamilton county, We are not allow.

In Hamilton, County Ohio there is a tremendous need for a more inclusive representation of the population of which it serves. Passing House Bill 69   could be a stepping stone to the possiblities of the State Veteran Service Commission to study and consider new bills to introduce to The Ohio House Of Representatives   for passing regarding the need for more direct oversight of the accountability of the enforcement of regulations govering VSC offices throughout the state of ohio And to bring more transparency when supporting the needs   veterans with equity,decency and respect.

House Bill 69 would bring current perspectives to issues and needs of veterans facing new challenges in our society   due to the economic impact of Covid 19.   We are asking that the Bill is passes to bring in a new era of the delivery of services and to open the door to new prospectives for the improvement of services for all honorable veterans and their dependents in the state of ohio.   We are honored to have addresed the Committee today.

We gladly address questions at this time