**After Action Tax and Revenue Committee Hearing on House Bill 76**  
The House and Tax and Revenue Committee meeting began to hear HB 76 at or around 10:00am due to an issue with Rep. Anderson having technical difficulties.  
  
Rep Garcia and Rep Anderson supportive testimony for the bill ever as the meeting went on, several questions were asked and the answers were not definitive enough to give the committee members the ability to make an informed decision based on data being provided. If Rep Garcia and Rep. Anderson would have had a panelist to testify with hard data and the impact it would have as a positive financial impact to the state of New Mexico, we could have been in a much better situation. The final result was a temporary tabling of the bill. It can be resurrected however that determination will be made after the State’s Budget gets passed and they know what the final numbers are.  
  
Questions That were asked by the committee:   
Rep. Lara: what is the age group of these retirees and what is your plan to recruit retired veteran to NM  
  
Rep Rod Montoya: I see the need to to look at the an alternative set of fiscal data other than the FIR and compare  where the benefit would offset the loss of revenue the state would lose if the pit would pass.  
  
Committee Chair Rep. Christine Chandler was negative in her comments about what benefits veterans already receive being members of the communities, access to museums, parks, art exhibits, senior centers. even though she admitted that her spouse is a military veteran that got educated on the GI Bill and had a career at the Los Alamos Labs.   
  
Rep. Pamelya Herndon, Vice Chair of the committee, was positive and supportive of HB76, but unfortunately, she was in the minority.  
  
There were two individuals who testified against the the bill stating that this amounts to bad tax policy and it would limit tax revenue that would otherwise make it to those underserved areas of the state. (I disagree)  
  
I am going to provide answers to the questions the committee asked during the hearing and provide facts and data to the Committee chair. Tactfully of course.  A disadvantage we have with this committee is that there are no veterans serving on the committee and their knowledge about the military in general is lacking. As well as not knowing whom within their districts serve in any of the armed forces, I only made that last statement because that's how the committee came across in conversation. I know that these Reps. and Sens. have staffers that can provide and research these concerns, but I can't attest as to how they utilize their staff's time.    
  
We need to remain undeterred and move forward and continue to contact our representatives and have them encourage their Tax and Revenue committee colleagues to support these measures and initiative that bring relief to our veterans and military communities    
  
If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at any time.  Your feedback is appreciated.   
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