

Dear Rep. Jetton,

We military and Federal retirees do appreciate that you and others are finally doing something to keep the retirees here in Missouri. I do not recall the number of states that do not tax social security, military retirements, teacher retirements, government retirements and other retirements, but think it was somewhere around 28 to 35. That is quite a temptation especially if all you have to do is move ten miles such as to Illinois, a state that does not tax any retirement income.

Is it no wonder that so many people from the St. Louis area are moving just across the river to Columbia and Waterloo, Illinois when they retire?

Helen and I have considered that next year we too would move to Columbia or Waterloo because all of our income is from the Military, Federal Government Service and Social Security and we would realize a \$4200 savings just by not having to pay Missouri State Income taxes.

Hope the rest of the legislators realize Missouri would be better having the retirees here than to have them move. It is unfortunate that many of the past legislators were not aware of why Missouri residents move to other states or are not attracted to Missouri.

Keep up the good fight. We do appreciate what you do.

Lou and Helen Chiodini  
St. Louis, MO

Dear Rep. Jetton,

Doing away with tax on Social Security is a wonderful idea! Having lived and worked in MO for 84 years, any tax relief would be helpful toward paying utility bills.

Thank you for doing a good thing for MO Seniors.

Sincerely,  
Mary Searfoss  
Mexico, MO

Dear Speaker Jetton,

I am a retired member of the Missouri Retired Teacher Association having worked 41 years in America's public schools.

After reading your letter supporting elimination of the tax on Social Security, I wanted to ask you to please include the Missouri retired teacher pension in this tax relief. These elderly citizens have given also. The tax doesn't make sense.

I want to thank you for giving this request your thought and consideration. In your words, the tax is a burden.

Yours truly,

Mike Kersey  
St. Charles, MO