

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced today that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USVA) will soon be mailing disability verification letters required for local property tax relief to Connecticut's 22,000 veterans.

“This is great news for Connecticut's veterans who have been counting on this relief,” Governor Rell said. “Just a few days ago, thousands of disabled state veterans stood to lose a tax break if they did not contact the federal Department of Veterans Affairs requesting proof of their disability. In these tough economic times it is imperative that these men and women receive all the financial benefits and assistance that they have so courageously earned.”

On September 29, Governor Rell was informed by the USVA that because of a computer system change in July, the agency would not mail forms to veterans that verify their disability ratings for local tax purposes. Governor Rell immediately wrote to USVA Secretary James Peake expressing concern and asking him to correct the issue in the near future.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?A=3293&q=424542> .