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House Bill Number 194 – To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

Chairman Green, Vice Chairman Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy and the members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee, my name is Don McCauley, and I am the Executive Director for AMVETS Department of Ohio. The American Veterans Service Organization (AMVETS) was born on December 10, 1944 to advocate for America's veterans returning from WWII. Congress under President Harry S. Truman chartered AMVETS on July 23, 1947. AMVETS has grown over the years to accept and advocate for all veterans who have honorably served our nation. The AMVETS Department of Ohio has approximately 31,000 members in 114 posts and at large. Ohio has the largest membership in AMVETS, which is approximately 33% of the national organization's membership.

AMVETS Department of Ohio supports proposed House Bill 194 to establish special license plates for military service and awards. AMVETS Department of Ohio has always supported issues that recognize military service and military honors pertaining to valor and service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.