



## FOLDS of HONOR

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Letter of Support for House Bill 262

I would like to express my thanks to the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee for the opportunity to provide my letter supporting the Folds of Honor License Plate, House Bill 262. Below is background on Folds of Honor.

The Folds of Honor Foundation, a national charity was established by US Air Force Maj. Dan Rooney in 2007. In 2006, on a flight home from Chicago to Grand Rapids Michigan, after completing his second tour of duty in Iraq, Maj. Rooney heard the Captain come over the intercom announcing we have an American Hero on-board and requested that all passengers remain seated until the body of Army Corporal Brock Bucklin could be removed from the cargo hole of the plane. His identical twin brother, Corporal Brad Bucklin who was seated in the front of the plane, had brought him the long way home. As the flag draped casket crept slowly down the conveyer, on the family's darkest night stood on the tarmac a four-year-old boy in the arms of his grandmother as they both awaited the body of his father. The four-year-old son would never play catch again with his dad, never go get ice cream, never be tucked in at night. In one fail moment, Maj. Rooney recognized he had just witnessed the other side of War. Wiping the tears from his eyes and looking around the plane only to see that more than half of the plane had departed. Maj. Rooney summed up these events in one word, "synchronicity" or a chance with a purpose. Maj. Rooney founded the Folds of Honor Foundation, a non-profit dedicated and accountable to providing educational scholarships to the families of those killed or wounded in service to our country. Since 2007, more than 20,000 scholarships have been awarded, but the need is still great. 109 Scholarships were awarded to Ohio Military family's spouses and children for the 2018/19 school year.

Our Central Ohio Chapter of Folds of Honor was established in 2018 with one noble goal to make sure we raise enough money to not leave one Military spouse or child behind without educational assistance due to lack of funding. In 2018, there were nationally 700 scholarships that would have been awarded but due to a funding shortage of \$3,500,000, they were not offered.

The Folds of Honor License Plate, House Bill 262 will help our Chapter to raise money in support of our noble cause, to help the 1% that have so dearly given their all for the rest to enjoy the Freedoms and Liberties we have today. 100% of the proceeds received from license plate sales will go to cover the educational assistance needs of our Military families who were stationed in, residents in or from Ohio.

Honor Their Sacrifice – Educate Their Legacy

Thank you for your attention to this great charitable organization.

Sincerely,

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