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**Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and
Homeland Security Committee: 2:30pm, Room 116
House Bill 434 Sponsor Testimony
Service Cross License Plate
January 24th, 2018**

Chairman Johnson, Vice Chair Lanese, Ranking Member Craig, and Members of the Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security Committee, thank you for this opportunity to offer sponsor testimony for House Bill 434 along with my joint sponsor, Representative Marty Sweeney.

This bill is about acknowledging our Veterans who have displayed acts of extraordinary heroism. As Representative Sweeney said, the Service Cross is the second highest award a service member can receive in any service branch; only one step below the Congressional Medal of Honor. Earning this award is no easy task as it must involved an engagement with enemy combatants, and often times it is awarded posthumously. These exceptional heroes deserved to be recognized, and honoring them with the ability to display this medal on their license plate is the least we can do to pay tribute to their incredible sacrifice. Our BMV recognizes Medal of

Honor, our nation's highest award for valor, as well as the Silver Star, the third highest for valor. It only makes sense too include the Service cross as well.

Chairman Johnson, Vice Chair Lanese, Ranking Member Craig, and Members of the Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security Committee, thank you for this opportunity to offer sponsor testimony for House Bill 434. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.