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**Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 434**

Chairman Johnson, Vice Chair Lanese, Ranking Member Craig, and distinguished members of the Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security Committee, thank you for the honor and privilege of allowing us to offer sponsor testimony today on House Bill 434.

Over the summer, I had a meeting in Representative Kaptur's office with a gentleman named Sam Felton. Mr. Felton is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a recipient of the Navy Cross. I learned during this meeting that while we have a number of specialty license plates for veterans, there are not currently any for the Navy Cross, Army Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, nor Coast Guard Cross.

For those not familiar, these military decorations are the second highest military decoration for extraordinary heroism that can be bestowed upon a member of his or her branch of the military. While we can never truly thank these heroes for their service, I believe this legislation will serve as a small token of appreciation and recognition of their selfless contributions to their country.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 434. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have and hope to gain your unanimous support for this legislation.