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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Terry Johnson, Chairman
CC: Rep. Darrell Kick, Vice Chair
Rep. Craig Hearcel, Ranking Member
FROM: Lieutenant General (Ret.) Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army
DATE: November 26, 2018
RE: H.B. 716, 132nd General Assembly (As Introduced)

I'm writing today to strongly support H.B. 716 which requires issuance of temporary licenses or certificates to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for active duty.

This Bill adds certainty and stability for military families. The stress of 17 years of conflict and deployments has taken an extreme toll on our military families. When a family hears that the professionally licensed spouse must move, re-qualify, and pay for what they have, many elect not to join their military member in Ohio. They've grown accustomed to separation.

This Bill builds strength and resiliency in military families. Military families build strength and resiliency in Ohio communities.

I strongly recommend passing this Bill: H.B. 716.

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