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58th Ohio House District

Chairman Ghanbari, Vice-Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and fellow members of the House Homeland Security Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony for House Bill 625, on behalf of Senator Cutrona, which would create the American Legion Auxiliary license plate.

Founded over a decade ago, the American Legion Auxiliary is dedicated to honoring and serving veterans, military and their families through outreach programs, education, and community service. The American Legion Auxiliary is a veteran's service organization made up of direct relatives and descendants of members of The American Legion, the world's largest veterans service organization. The American Legion Auxiliary's sole purpose is to support The American Legion, by honoring those who have served, and their loved ones.

This legislation would create a new specialty license plate, as well as amend existing law, by exempting the American Legion Auxiliary license plate from the current implementation procedure, which requires a minimum registration of 150 applicants in the first year. The American Legion Auxiliary license plate, which will be available to all motorists in Ohio, requires a person to pay an additional \$20 when the plate is issued and renewed. Half of that fee will go to the BMV, and the other half will be contributed to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio, which goes to support the American Legion, current and former military members, and their families.

I would like to thank Senator Cutrona for bringing this legislation forward and the late Jeff Vrabel, Sr. for bringing this idea to our district office. I would be more than happy to answer any questions at this time.