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Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and my colleagues on the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to give testimony on House Bill 216 today.

House Bill 216 makes a bureaucratic change that cuts back the red tape currently being faced by Ohio's veterans. This bill would require the BMV to accept a county issued veterans ID card in lieu of a DD-214 when providing proof of service in order to apply for a military license plate. It is important to emphasize that this bill still maintains current requirements and does not replace the use of a DD-214, but rather adds the veteran's ID card as an additional document that is able to be provided.

HB 216 is the result of constituent request from a service member from the 35th District. When applying for a military license plate, he had his veterans ID on hand but did not have his DD-214 immediately available. Since a DD-214 is required to be issued a county issued veterans ID, he found it to be just another bureaucratic hindrance. HB 216 would make the whole process just a little more convenient for veterans wanting to commemorate their service.

Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and my colleagues on the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for your attention. I am happy to take any questions from the committee.