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House Bill Number 194 As Passed by the House – To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

Chairman Uecker, Vice Chairman Wilson, Ranking Minority Member Thomas and esteem members of the Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee, my name is Don McCauley, and I am the Executive Director and registered Lobbyist for the AMVETS Department of Ohio, I sincerely apologize for being unable to Testify in person today.

The American Veterans Service Organization (AMVETS) was established on December 10, 1944 to advocate for America's veterans returning from WWII. Congress under President Harry S. Truman chartered AMVETS on July 23, 1947. Since then AMVETS has grown over the years to accept and advocate for all veterans who have honorably served our fine nation. The AMVETS Department of Ohio was founded on June 14, 1946 has approximately 32,000 members in 114 posts and at large members thought the state boasting the largest Department in the Nation.

AMVETS Department of Ohio supports House Bill 194 as passed by the House to establish rules and regulations regarding special license plates for military service, honors and awards directly between the ODVS Director and the Registrar. AMVETS Department of Ohio will always supported issues that recognize military service and military honors pertaining to valor and service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.