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Attention: Ohio Senate Committee on Local Government, Public Safety, and Veterans Affairs
Re: House Bill 194 Military Non-standard License Plate Program

Senators and Chairman Joe Uecker, Vice Chairman Steve Wilson and Ranking Member Cecil Thomas, thank you for the opportunity to present before you today on behalf of House Bill 194 regarding proposed changes to the development of Ohio's military nonstandard license plate program set forth by Chairman Johnson, and many co-sponsors, of the Ohio House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and National Security Committee.

We at The American Legion Department of Ohio, understand the need for efficiency, and most importantly, accuracy when it comes to recognizing and honoring a period of service or a medal received by a member of our Armed Forces. The fourth sentence of the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution states "To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars". This piece of legislation is a prime example of how we all contribute to this aspect of what we consider a mission of our organization.

As we ride along our streets and highways, we become aware of the variety of license plates available. As an Ohioan, and an American, it is a privilege to exercise this freedom to choose what we as individuals represent to everyone we encounter during our travels through proud display on the bumpers of our vehicles. What the public often does not see is the time and resources currently required that results in the final product of the license plate.

Having the Ohio Department of Veteran Services working with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to develop, establish, and maintain the nonstandard license plates recognizing military service and military honors is another step towards a more efficient government process. We also understand the need to have an agency that can offer an expert opinion as to the accuracy of an era of time or the design of a proper medal or insignia.

We believe the passage of HB 194 will allow the members of the Ohio House General Assembly, now, and in the future, to better utilize their time on more important matters of legislation. We endorse and encourage the passage of H.B 194.

Kind Regards,

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Witness Form

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Testifying on Bill Number: HB 194

Testimony: ☒ Verbal ☒ Written ☒ Both

Testifying As: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ Interested Party

Are you a Registered Lobbyist? ☒ Yes ☒ No ^{Stanley is not.}
^{Suzette Heller is.}

Special Requests: Thank you!

The Department is registered w/ OLTC/JLEC.

We will submit to Ethics our
update that we represent this Bill.