

Proponent Testimony  
House Bill 209, Create Ohio Society Daughters of American Revolution Plate  
House Homeland Security Committee  
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Chairman Ghanbari, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the House Homeland Security Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 209.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR or DAR) is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, volunteer women's service organization that was founded in 1890. Any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. Ohio's DAR membership currently stands at 6,300 members in 97 chapters across the state.

Ohio Daughters are women who are interested in making a difference in their communities through projects focusing on historic preservation, education, and patriotism. We have volunteered nearly 200,000 hours annually in our local communities; these volunteer areas have been as varied as our members and include assistance to veterans and active-duty military, schools, literacy, scholarships, and support of historic sites in Ohio, including the Christian Waldschmidt Homestead and Civil War Museum, which is owned and operated by the Ohio Society. Our commitment to service and to our country is our common bond.

Funding generated from the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution license plate will be used to support our mission areas of historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Homeland Security Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony today.

Respectfully,  
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