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The Honorable Kathleen A. Fogarty
Chair, House Committee on Special Legislation
State House
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2022 H-7824- AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Dear Chairperson Fogarty:

The Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") writes to express support for House Bill 7824, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles-Registration of Vehicles.

The proposed bill would increase the number of Purple Heart Medal special motor vehicle registration plates that a Purple Heart Medal recipient may obtain from the DMV to two sets. Currently, Purple Heart Medal recipients are limited to one set of these special plates.

The DMV is proud of the small part it plays in recognizing the sacrifices made by our veterans through the issuance of special license plates such as the Purple Heart Medal plates. The proposed bill would permit individuals to whom we owe so much respect and gratitude to display their Purple Heart Medal plates on more than one vehicle.

The DMV does respectfully suggest one minor amendment to the proposed bill. Currently, in subsection (a), the legislation provides for recipients of the Purple Heart Medal to qualify for "up to two (2) special motor vehicle registration plates." If that language were amended to provide for up to two (2) "sets" of special motor vehicle registration plates, it would bring the law more into line with current DMV business practice and also avoid potential confusion for applicants as well as DMV personnel, thus ensuring a smoother application process.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter R. Craddock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Walter R. Craddock, Esq.
Administrator

Cc: Honorable James N. McLaughlin
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Special Legislation
Nicole McCarty, Chief Legal Counsel