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My name is John P Gallo Sr., I am representing the United Veterans Council of Rhode Island we are submitting written testimony against H-7538 as written.

Chair Alzate and members of the House Special Legislation Committee, Thank you for allowing me to submit this written testimony against House bill H-7538.

House Bill No. 7538

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ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Permits disabled veterans to be issued several disabled veteran plates, permits plates to be transferred to their spouse or caretaker during the veteran's life and would allow disabled veteran plates to be issued for a commercial vehicle of any size.)

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There is no need to modify the current RIGL 31-6-8 as written as the surviving spouse and caregiver can still operate the disabled veterans' vehicle while the DAV is alive and the surviving spouse can inherit the DAV license plate, as long as they do not remarry, when the DAV dies. As for the number of sets of plates, we feel that one set is sufficient and the DAV would need a disable placard when the DAV is in another vehicle.

There should not be a difference in the weight limit for a DAV plate than is current in DMV regulations and RIGL which is the current size limit of vehicle weight for all veteran plates is 12,000 lbs.

Respectfully Submitted,

John P Gallo Sr., Chairman
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