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

**RE: 2021 H-5782- AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Dear Chairperson Fogarty:

The Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") writes in support of House Bill 5782, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles-Registration of Vehicles.

The proposed bill would authorize recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy/Air Force Cross, Silver Star medal, and Bronze Star medal to affix to their veterans' plates decals indicating their receipt of their respective military honors.

The DMV is proud of the small part it plays in recognizing the sacrifices made by our veterans through the issuance of veterans' plates. Currently, veterans can augment their plates with decals of their military branch of service and war veterans may add a "War Veteran" decal beneath their military branch decal. Allowing the placement of these additional military honors decals on veterans' plates will continue the DMV's tradition of helping to recognize Rhode Island veterans. Costs to procure the decals would be minimal and the DMV would be able to make them available shortly after authorization was granted as no changes to the DMV's computer system, RIMS, would be necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Honorable Justine A. Caldwell
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Special Legislation
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