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RE: Support for HB 2527

I would like to thank the Committee for allowing us to speak on behalf of HB 2527, This bill was introduced at the request of veterans, who as a result of their service were awarded special honors like the combat medical badge, army combat infantry badge, navy/marine corps combat action ribbon, army distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross or distinguished flying cross by the United States government. While many of these individuals proudly display the Kansas U.S. Veteran Plate, on which they are able to purchase and affix decals at the time of their renewal for a cost of \$2. Currently the Kansas U.S. Veteran Plate is the only plate that allows for them to purchase and display these decals.

Kansas currently has eight distinctive military license plates and the individuals wishing to purchase and these individual plates should be able to purchase and display the decals in the same manner as they do on the Kansas U.S. Veteran Plate. For example, currently a disabled veteran awarded a Purple Heart, and combat infantry badge would not be able to display these decals on a disabled veterans tag. Many of our Vietnam Veterans were awarded a combat infantry badge sadly if

they choose the Vietnam veterans plate they would not be allowed to display or even purchase the CIB decal. We are simply asking that the decals be allowed to be purchased and placed on any of the distinctive military license plates for individuals meeting the qualifications. Since the decals are already in existence and veterans purchase them there would be no additional cost to the State and by allowing this there could be a small additional inflow of revenues due to additional sales. The KCVAO supports this bill and encourages passage.

Thank you.