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Senate Committee on Transportation

TO: **CHAIR:** MIKE PETERSON

VICE CHAIR: JOHN DOLL

Ranking Minority Member: Pat Pettey

RE: HB 2174

From: ABATE of Kansas

Date: March 16, 2017

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Doll, Ranking Minority Member Pettey, and Committee Members.

I am Steve Christenberry, representing ABATE of Kansas, a motorcycle rights organization. I am also a United States Marine Corps veteran. ABATE of Kansas is a strong supporter of our veterans and active duty military, and many of our members have served. I have been asked to provide testimony in support of HB 2174. Current state law allows veterans with an honorable discharge to obtain a veteran license plate for their vehicles. A veteran with a service related disability of 50% or greater is eligible for a disabled veteran license plate. However, a veteran with a non-service related disability cannot obtain a veteran's license plate if he or she wishes to have a handicapped license plate.

HB 2174, as amended by the House Committee on Transportation, would allow veterans with non-service related disabilities to obtain a veteran's license plate with a wheelchair emblem decal on that plate to acknowledge military service as well as the disability.

ABATE of Kansas, and our members, support HB 2174, as amended by the House Committee on Transportation, and encourage the Senate Committee on Transportation to do so as well.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

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