Subject: HB 2482 Concerning 1st Infantry Division Distinctive License Plate Written Testimony

Dear House Transportation Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2482, concerning the 1st Infantry Division Distinctive License Plate. I strongly support the passing of this bill by legislation. It is an honorable way for those that have served in the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley Garrison, or those currently serving as noted in the HB 2482 to display their pride and service not only to the 1st Infantry Division, but to the United States Army, the state of Kansas and all those that will see that 1st Infantry Division Big Red One Patch as they travel by vehicle.

The First Infantry Division is the oldest and most storied Division of the United States Army. My husband and I both served in the 1st Infantry Division during Desert Storm. We deployed out of Fort Riley and returned to Fort Riley. We both went on to have a wonderful Army Career and after we both retired from the Army, we returned to the Junction City and the Fort Riley area.

Today, I serve as the Executive Director of the First Infantry Division. I receive many calls from those that have served in the 1st Infantry Division whether here in Kansas or another State, asking me how to get a 1st Infantry Division License Plate. Here in Kansas, this is a great opportunity for those that have served and are serving with the 1st Infantry Division to have that option to "proudly" display the "Big Red One" on their license plate.

Those that have served and are serving in the 1st Infantry Division, live by the 1st Infantry Division Motto:

No Mission Too Difficult, No Sacrifice Too Great, Duty First!

Please pass House Bill 2482 and let all of us that so proudly served in the 1st Infantry Division display our love and pride of the Big Red One "BRO" on our license plates.

Sincerely,

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