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House Committee on Veterans and Military

TO: **CHAIR:** LES OSTERMAN
VICE CHAIR: LONNIE CLARK
Ranking Minority Member: Virgil Weigel

RE: HB 2174
From: ABATE of Kansas
Date: February 9, 2017

Chairman Osterman, Vice Chair Clark, Mr. Weigel, and Committee Members.

I am Steve Christenberry, representing ABATE of Kansas, a motorcycle rights organization. ABATE of Kansas is a strong supporter of our veterans and active duty military, and many of our members have served. We have been asked to provide testimony in support of HB 2174, which would allow veterans with less than 50% service related disabilities but who also have non-service related disabilities to obtain a disabled veteran license plate on their vehicles in order to recognize their service to our country. The only current choice a disabled person with less than a 50% service related disability has is to obtain a disabled tag, assuming of course they meet the criteria through the Social Security Administration.

ABATE of Kansas, and our members, support HB 2174, and encourage the Committee to do so as well.

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

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