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The Honorable Richard Proehl, Chairman
Transportation Committee
Kansas House of Representatives

RE: House Bill 2476 "Distinctive Bronze Star & Silver Star license plates

Dear Chairman Proehl:

It is with respect that I represent HB 2476 on creating distinctive license plates for Bronze Star and Silver Star recipients. Our intent with this bill is to show the respect and honor for our service members who have received either of these two great military awards. Currently Kansas only has little stickers to denote these two great honors, while already having many special plates for other military designations.

In asking for passage of this bill, myself and our co-sponsors want to confirm the Director of the Budget's information that this is not a costly expense to the state. Mr. Proffitt indicates that because the cost of these plates is borne by the purchaser, there is relatively little cost once the plate sales catch up.

Another key point is that the honor these special plates show to those who have served is immense. As the parent of two combat veterans who both received the Bronze Star award during multiple tours in the Middle East Wars, I remember the tears that came with the award when they came back home. Time and time again as I speak with honored veterans, I share the pride with these military heroes.

The distinctive Bronze and Silver Star plates are a standard in most states in the country and on behalf of myself and my co-sponsors Rep. Neelly, Rep. French, Rep. Ellis, and Rep. Proctor, we would ask that the Kansas Legislature authorize these plates for our Kansas heroes.

Respectfully

Rep. Timothy H. Johnson

cc: Betty Boaz-committee assistant