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Kansas House of Representatives

TO: Transportation Committee

DATE: February 6, 2024

RE: Hearing On Big Red 1 License Plate (Proponent)

Dear Chair and members of the House Transportation Committee.

I speak today as the parent of two son's who both distinguished themselves in the United States Army, serving multiple tours of duty in combat with the 1st Infantry known as, "The Big Red 1" As we consider honoring the group, we should remember their storied history and importance in Kansas. They are part of Kansas lore.

The addition of the requested plate is a simple matter and one that be easily handled. Allowing this plate tells members of the unit "we remember." As a member of the House Veterans and Military Committee, I come to you to share that our veteran groups are in full support and requested this legislation.

I now have as a memento, a "male latrine" door sign with the Big Red logo on it that was brought home from the war by one of my sons. Please approve the license tag so I can display something a bit more appropriate in honor of the unit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rep. Tim Johnson

Proud Army Dad