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To: Chairman Richard Proehl and members of the House Transportation Committee

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Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony regarding HB 2420 as it relates to the registration of military surplus vehicles. Since the Division of Vehicles is responsible for registration of vehicles operated on our roadways, we feel we should mention concerns that relate to the subject of this legislation.

This bill would require the Division to register vehicles for use on public roadways that are surplus from the military. Some of those vehicles can be titled and registered through the normal course of a title transaction, however many do not meet the criteria used to determine a registration type for the vehicle because of existing policy or law. Many do not have 17-digit conforming VINs and some do not have a model year or a vehicle make, which will cause issues in getting an inspection done as required by this legislation.

Further, some of these vehicles have a designation of "not manufactured for street use" or "off road only" or another similar designation on the federal government form provided to the purchasers. The Division in the past has not registered these vehicles because of the off-road determination by the manufacturer, and because they do not conform with standards set by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Division of Vehicles has a history, on a case-by-case basis, for working with customers that purchase this type of vehicle or equipment to determine if registration is allowed and we will continue to do so.

I appreciate your time in reviewing this testimony. I stand for questions at the appropriate time as needed.