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TO: House Finance Committee

RE: DAV- Disabled American Veterans Colorado
Supports HB26-1057--Veteran Disability License Plates & Taxes & Fees

Dear Committee Members,

DAV- Disabled American Veterans Colorado has been supporting thousands of Colorado Disable Veterans for over 104 years. DAV Colorado continues to care and support our 19,000 DAV Colorado members as well as help represent the interests of nearly 400,000 Veterans and their families across the state of Colorado.

Colorado has long recognized the service of our disabled Veterans by offering free DV- Designated license plates. However, some Veterans have concerns about advertising the fact they have a disability. We believe these Veterans should still be able to get their free plates.

HB1057 offers the option of another free military plate the Veteran qualifies for, or a non-military plate, with the Veteran liable for any extra fees required.

DAV Colorado believes this is a good option to offer our Veterans and strongly supports HB1057.

We urge your YES vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming law.

Respectfully submitted,

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Statement in Support of HB26-1057

To the Honorable Members of the Colorado State Legislature,

I respectfully express my strong support for HB26-1057, which aims to provide vital benefits to veterans with disabilities by offering specialized veteran disability license plates and reducing taxes and fees associated with vehicle registration. This legislation is an important step in ensuring that Colorado's disabled veterans receive the recognition, support, and financial relief they rightfully deserve for their sacrifices in service to our nation.

Honoring Our Veterans' Service and Sacrifice

The veterans of our armed forces have made extraordinary sacrifices to ensure the safety and security of our country. Among them, those who have sustained disabilities as a result of their service deserve not only our deepest gratitude but also tangible recognition and support. HB26-1057 would serve as an essential acknowledgment of their service by offering special license plates that reflect their contributions, making their sacrifices visible and honored in the community.

These specialized plates are more than just a form of identification; they are a symbol of honor and a reminder to the public of the real cost of freedom. By creating a visible recognition for disabled veterans, the bill will foster greater awareness, respect, and appreciation for their service across the state.

Providing Financial Relief to Disabled Veterans

For veterans living with disabilities, the financial burdens can often feel overwhelming. Between medical expenses, rehabilitation, and the challenges of adjusting to life with a disability, the last thing these veterans should face is additional financial strain when it comes to vehicle registration fees and taxes.

HB26-1057 helps alleviate this burden by offering tax exemptions or reduced fees for disabled veterans who qualify. This small yet meaningful gesture will provide much-needed relief for veterans, enabling them to maintain their independence and mobility without the added stress of excessive costs.

By reducing the fees and taxes related to vehicle registration, the state of Colorado demonstrates its commitment to standing alongside those who have served in the most meaningful way—by directly easing the financial challenges faced by veterans with disabilities.

Encouraging Community Support and Awareness

This bill not only provides financial relief but also promotes community support for veterans. Special license plates serve as a public acknowledgment of their sacrifices and can foster a culture of recognition in everyday life. As disabled veterans drive across the state with their distinctive plates, it sends a message to the wider community about the importance of honoring those who have given so much for the country.

In addition, offering discounted or designated parking spaces or benefits, such as priority access to veteran-related services, would further demonstrate Colorado's commitment to supporting disabled veterans in a practical and respectful manner.

Contributing to Colorado's Strong Veteran Community

Colorado has a long-standing tradition of supporting its veteran population. This bill enhances that tradition by providing both recognition and financial relief, improving the overall quality of life for veterans who have already sacrificed so much. This bill reflects the values that our state holds dear—respect for service members, commitment to those who have served, and the recognition of their contributions to society.

A Call to Action: Strengthening Colorado's Commitment to Veterans

By passing HB26-1057, the Colorado Legislature has the opportunity to send a powerful message: that I stand with our veterans, especially those who have sustained disabilities in service to our nation. This bill not only aligns with the values of honoring and supporting veterans but also provides a tangible, direct benefit to those who need it most.

I respectfully urge the members of the Colorado State Legislature to pass HB26-1057 and continue to demonstrate Colorado's dedication to supporting veterans and improving the lives of disabled veterans across the state.

Regards,

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TO: House Finance Committee

RE: UVC-United Veterans Coalition of Colorado
Supports HB26-1057--Veteran Disability License Plates & Taxes & Fees

Dear Committee Members,

The UVC—United Veterans Coalition of Colorado was formed over 50 years ago, at the end of the Vietnam War, to present a united voice in addressing the needs of Veterans, active duty military and National Guard members, their families and survivors. Today, the UVC represent the interests of nearly 400,000 Veterans and their families across the state of Colorado.

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The UVC believes this is a good option to offer our Veterans and strongly supports HB1057.

We urge your YES vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming law.

Respectfully submitted,

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