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Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
Public Hearing Testimony

*RE: Proposed H.B. No. 5343,  
AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' LICENSE PLATES FOR  
ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.*

Good Morning Chairman Maynard, Chairman Hennessy, Ranking Member Adinolfi, Ranking Member Welch and Veterans Committee Membership, I am Mike Alberts, 50<sup>th</sup> District State Representative, and I am testifying in favor of House Bill 5343, AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' LICENSE PLATES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. Thank you for raising this bill today.

At present, active members of the military are not eligible for a Veterans License plate in the state of Connecticut. This bill if enacted, would allow for active duty service members who have served honorably to be awarded the Veterans Plate at the current issuance cost.

Committee members may be aware that at present, members of the Air National Guard, Army National Guard, as well as Reservists of all branches, once they complete their active military service, receive a DD214. That DD. 214 form allows them to be eligible for a Veterans License Plate in our state. Unfortunately, active duty service members will not receive this form until they are discharged. From my perspective, it appears that we are not properly recognizing the brave men and women who are currently serving our country.

Your Committee's assistance in helping to ensure that active duty military personal receive the same recognition as guardsmen and reservists who possess their DD214, is much appreciated.