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H.B. 5372: An Act Concerning Parking Placards

Dear Chairs and Honorable Members of the Transportation Committee:

Thank you for raising H.B. 5372, An Act Concerning Parking Placards. I am in support of this bill, especially the part that requires windshield placards to have a photograph ID of the disabled person it is being given to.

I have heard several concerns that disability parking permits are being misused by some individuals. There have been reports of people who park in handicapped spaces while not traveling with the permit holder. This is an unfortunate abuse of the system that only serves to hurt the people who genuinely need to use the handicapped space.

This bill offers a way to help remedy this problem by requiring disability permits to feature photo identification of the permit holder. This would be provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles when the permit is issued. With photo ID on the permit, people would be less likely to abuse the permit knowing that they could be easily identified and potentially be fined.

In conclusion, I ask respectfully that the committee to support this bill to ensure that our disability permits are being used responsibly. I hope that you will support this initiative. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Taborsak".

Joe Taborsak