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Senate Bill 867 - Vehicle Laws - Special and Commemorative Registration Plate -
Maryland Heroes
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Good afternoon, Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher, and distinguished members of the committee. It is my pleasure to testify today in **support** of **Senate Bill 867 - Vehicle Laws - Special and Commemorative Registration Plate - Maryland Heroes**.

Senate Bill 867 creates a special commemorative plate that would feature the likeness of two of Maryland's world-renowned heroes: Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman. The plate will be created in collaboration between the Motor Vehicle Association (MVA) and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC).

As the committee knows, Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman play important roles in U.S. and world history. These two incredible Maryland heroes are finally receiving the long overdue recognition they deserve, both nationally, and within our state.

With the creation of the Commemorative Heroes Plates, we have a chance to make Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass the faces of our State to be proudly displayed across the country.

The surplus of the revenue generated from the purchase, registration, and renewal of these plates will be sent to the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture which serves to discovering, documenting, preserving, collecting, and promoting Maryland's African American Heritage.

I would like to thank Senator Mary Washington, Chairman Smith, and the 40 other senators who cosponsored this legislation. For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 867. Thank you for your kind consideration.