



ABATE OF MARYLAND, INC.

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road & Responsible Motorcycle Legislation

To: The Honorable Marc Korman, Chairman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Ken Eaton, Director, Executive Director, ABATE of Maryland, Inc.

Date: February 6, 2024

Re: **HB 231** - Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Gold Star and Next of Kin Families

Position: **FAVORABLE: SUPPORT**

ABATE of Maryland, Inc. represents the approximately 121,000 on road motorcycles that are registered in Maryland. We are a state motorcycle rights organization that brings together the voices of independent riders, clubs, riding organizations, etc. We have chapters throughout the state and our members include a diverse cross-section of motorcycle riders in Maryland. A large portion of our membership includes military veterans and their families. We **SUPPORT HB 231**.

Our veterans have taken an oath that says they will support and defend this country. The very least we can do is recognize their service and help support their families.

ABATE of Maryland, Inc. **SUPPORTS HB 231** - Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates - Gold Star and Next of Kin Families

We urge the committee to consider a **Favorable** vote, passing this legislation and moving it to the floor for a vote.

Thank you!

Kenneth B. Eaton, Executive Director
ABATE of Maryland, Inc.