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April 17, 2013

The Honorable Jim Frazier
California State Assembly, District 11
State Capitol, Room 3091
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 531 (Frazier) - SUPPORT
Drivers licenses: veteran designation

Dear Assembly Member Frazier:

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, we are pleased to **SUPPORT** your **AB 531** which would allow California veterans to apply for a "Veteran" designation on their driver's license or state identification card, to be issued through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

California veterans are eligible for a number of federal, state and local benefits and services such as employment and housing assistance, counseling benefits and educational opportunities. In order to access these benefits veterans usually have to supply a DD-214, which is a paper document that identifies them as a veteran. This document is very much like a birth certificate and is not practical for veterans to carry with them.

By providing a veterans' designation on a DMV issued driver's license or ID card, like we already do for organ donors, we can eliminate this unnecessary inconvenience and provide a convenient way to verify military service. This is a simple and practical fix to help make our veteran's lives a little easier. Many states have successfully enacted similar veteran's designation programs to address this issue and we believe California should do the same.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors would like to thank you for introducing this common sense measure and we are pleased to **SUPPORT** your **AB 531.** We applaud your effort to support our veterans and look forward to working with your office to help ensure this bill's successful passage.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Seifert, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Mike Gatto, Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
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