

The Honorable Mary Hayashi
California State Assembly
State Capitol, 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 498 (Hayashi) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Hayashi:

On behalf of <<name of group>>, I write to express my support of AB 498 which would allow ex-Prisoners of War (POW) the option to order a Veterans License Plate instead of the American Ex-POW's Plate, without any fees.

If passed by the Legislature, AB 498 would allow ex-POWs the option to order either an American Ex-POW license plate or veterans' organization license plate, also known as a Veterans License Plate, and still have their license plate fees waived. While ex-POW's are proud of their military service, some would rather have the option of being able to choose the standard Veterans License Plate in place of the Ex-POW license plate.

Currently, ex-POWs are not required to pay fees for the Ex-POW specialized license plate. However, ex-POWs do not have much of a selection of license plates to choose from, as every license plate includes the replica of the Ex-POW Medal followed by the letters "POW." Under current law, anyone can order a Veterans License Plate to show their support of the military, the National Guard, Reserve Service or California Veterans, but must pay a \$30 annual fee for the plate. By allowing ex-POWs the option of choosing a Veterans License Plate, without any fees, will give the former POW a broader option of specialized plates while maintaining the fee waiver.

Again, the <<name of group>> supports AB 498 and appreciates your leadership on this important piece of legislation. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance in any way, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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