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Dear Governor Haley:

I greatly appreciate South Carolina's attempt to recognize veterans who have honorably served our country by providing them with designations on both driver's license and vehicle license plates. However, the implementation of this attempt has ignored those who served through the Army and Air Force National Guard.

Currently, the SC DMV requires a DD-214 with 'honorable discharge' indicated. For those who served in the National Guard, even if placed on active service, the designation of 'honorable discharge' is printed on NGB Form 22 or NGB Form 55. When I learned of South Carolina's honoring of veterans, I attempted to obtain this designation only to be refused by the DMV for lack of a Form DD-214 with the words 'honorable discharge'. The DD-214 issued to me indicated a 'transfer' from active to National Guard status.

If South Carolina would like to honor all veterans, including those who served in the National Guard, please have the SC DMV revise their policy, or if needed, revise the applicable law, to include all discharge forms issued, including National Guard Forms NGB Form 22 or 55.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Gilmer', with a stylized, cursive script.

Allan Gilmer, M.D.

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Senator Lee Bright
Representative Phyllis Henderson