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The Honorable Brendan P. Crighton
Senate Chair
Joint Committee on Transportation
State House, Room 109-C
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable James Arciero
House Chair
Joint Committee on Transportation
State House, Room 134
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chair Crighton, Chair Arciero, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today to express my strong support for S.2449/H.3811, An Act establishing the Blue Star Family license plate.

This legislation, filed by Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Thomas Walsh, would require the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue commemorative license plates for family members of police officers who died in the line of duty.

Family members of police officers and troopers worry about their loved one's safety every single day. Blue Star families had their worst fears realized in losing their child, spouse, parent, or sibling in the line of duty. We hold these families in the highest regard, and we will never forget their sacrifice. Establishing this new license plate would be a small but significant gesture from Massachusetts that would mean a great deal to Blue Star Families as a tribute to their loved one's service, courage, and heroism.

We will forever remember the 400 Massachusetts Troopers and Officers who lost their lives following the most honorable and noble calling: to serve and protect their neighbors and communities.

I hope to sign this bill into law in honor of all the officers, and their families, who made the ultimate sacrifice. For the reasons stated above, I respectfully urge you to report the bill favorably. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. T. Healey", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Maura T. Healey

Governor of Massachusetts