

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Dear committee members:

The family of Alfred (Al) H. Gilbert, our father, would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation as well as to Representative Mark Johnson for introducing HB 2149. This would be revising the Oregon State statute in providing a one-time, decreased vehicle registration fee for former Prisoners of War (POW). We are humbled that you have taken the opportunity to listen and review documents supporting this request on our father's behalf. I'm here before you on behalf of my father in law Alfred H. Gilbert Sr. and the entire family in giving our support of HB 2149. We all are very much in agreement that the revision of the Oregon State Statute is long overdue to the service men and women of the United States Armed Forces that found themselves as POWs during war and military conflicts. We would like our father and other POW veterans, past and future, to be recognized for their sacrifices they endured during the time they were POWs by the State of Oregon and its governing body recognizing these POW veterans in having a one-time decreased registration fee of their vehicle registered in the State of Oregon with Permanent Oregon EX POW Registration and Plates.

We the family, as well as Alfred H. Gilbert, greatly appreciate the work and time that has been put into HB 2149.

In closing I want to thank Chair Senator Lee Beyer and the rest of the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation for allowing me to testify on behalf of my father in law.

Respectfully,

Alfred H. Gilbert Sr. and Family