

GOOD AFTERNOON

I'M LISA MARSHKE A PROUD AIR FORCE MOM. I AM BLESSED TO HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING A PROUD AIR FORCE MOM FOR A LITTLE OVER NINE YEARS. MY SON ZACHARY LATOSKI IS CURRENTLY SERVING AT TRUAX FIELD IN MADISON WISCONSIN.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO COME TODAY TO SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 118. WHICH INCLUDES THE BLUE STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATE.

THIS BILL WILL ALLOW FOR ARMED FORCE PERSONNEL WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERVING AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL TO QUALIFY FOR THE BLUE STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATE. CURRENTLY ONLY FAMILY MEMBERS OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIFE FOR THEIR COUNTRY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A GOLD STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATE.

THE BLUE STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATE WOULD RAISE AWARENESS AND PROVIDE VISIBLE SUPPORT FOR ACTIVE DUTY FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE SERVING AT HOME OR ABROAD.

AS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF OUR MILITARY AND OUR VETERANS I AM ASKING PLEASE ENCOURAGE THE MOVEMENT OF THIS BILL FORWARD AS A SUPPORTIVE MEANS FOR ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

I ALSO HAVE MY GRANDDAUGHTER HAILEY WITH ME TODAY, SINCE IT'S ELECTION DAY SHE HAD THE DAY OFF.

IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO ADD I HELPED DRAFT THIS BILL WHEN IT WAS SENATE BILL 821, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR OVER TWO YEARS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AND MY FAMILY. IT'S BEEN A TOUGH YEAR, BOTH MY SISTER AND MY DOG PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY. I ALSO LOST MY BROTHER A VIETNAM VETERAN WHO LOST HIS LIFE BECAUSE OF AGENT ORANGE EARLIER THIS YEAR. THEY WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS BILL AND WERE EXCITED TO HEAR IT'S MOVEMENT.

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WE ARE A STRONG VETERAN AND MILITARY FAMILY AND THIS IS THE REASON I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE ON SENATE BILL 118.

Thank you,
Lisa Marshke