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Senate Transportation Committee

House Bill 1169– March 2, 2023

Testimony of Micah Olson, P&A Position-In Favor

My name is Micah Olson. I am an attorney at Protection and Advocacy. I am speaking in favor of House Bill No. 1169, a bill to permit a disabled individual who is not the owner of a vehicle to receive license plates marked with the international symbol of accessibility for the mobility impaired.

This bill will allow disabled users of vehicles to park without using a placard. It can be easy to forget to put up the placard, so the license plate is a better option for disabled individuals who always use the same vehicle.

Furthermore, this bill corrects a problem currently in statute; that the person receiving the license plate must be the owner of the vehicle. This is a significant problem for disabled children, who are very unlikely to be the owners of vehicles. It is also a concern for those who receive benefits such as Social Security and are limited on the amount of assets they may have in order to qualify for benefits. Passing this bill will provide a simple fix that will help many people in the State.

I support a Do Pass recommendation.