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Mr. Parkes,

For a few days now I have been following CBC.ca news and posts on Facebook regarding your Canadian veteran license plates surrender. Mr. Hal Laffin brought this to my attention. To be honest I still am in shock that Manitoba would rescind your authorization to display veteran license plates on your registered vehicle. In my view, Mr. Parkes, you are, and will continue to be, a veteran. I am also disappointed the Legion would reverse themselves. I am at a loss.

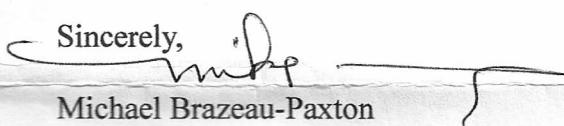
I too am a veteran. It does not matter if Canadian or American. Perhaps I should introduce myself. I am Mike Paxton, Viet Nam veteran. I served with H company 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, MCB-5 (US Navy Seabees) at Camp Hoover, Quang Nam Province (near hill 327) 1965-66. I served 10 years total time in the navy, and was separated due to a medical injury that includes a small disability pension today.

I first met Hal and Maddy Laffin at Ontario, California at the start of Run For the Wall, 1998. It was a total blast to meet them and ride to the Wall in Washington DC. From there we rode to the "north Wall at Windsor, Ontario and held ceremonies.

I have met met Hal and Maddy a few more times and they have visited my home here in Gearhart, Oregon via motorcycle.

I realize that sending these used Oregon VVA plates to you is but a very small gesture. However it does symbolize solidarity, strength and support of a fellow veteran. Please accept this token of respect and honour towards you and all fellow Canadian veterans.

Sincerely,



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