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LICENSE PLATE RELEASE

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Please accept this as documentation that I Marlene R. Kovach am releasing my rights

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to plate number MRK 2210 to Emil T. Kovach.

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If you are releasing the rights to your license plate to one of the following, please indicate as applicable below.
☒ Spouse
☐ Leasing Company
☐ Spouse's Leasing Company

NOTE: If the initial/personalized special plate being released is not expired, all of the remaining registration will be forfeited; not refundable unless it qualifies for a legal transfer.

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CURRENT PLATE OWNER'S PRINTED NAME	
<u>Marlene R. Kovach</u>	
CURRENT PLATE OWNER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
<u>X</u> <u>Marlene R. Kovach</u>	<u>08/21/2026</u>

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CURRENT ADDITIONAL PLATE OWNER'S PRINTED NAME	
CURRENT ADDITIONAL PLATE OWNER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
<u>X</u>	

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How to fill out BMV 4729 — License Plate Release

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A short form for one narrow job: releasing your rights to a plate number so that somebody else can carry it. Not a transfer of registration and not a sale - the form releases the number itself, and it lists exactly three people it can be released to.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank BMV 4729 from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles at <https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/publicsafety.ohio.gov/bmv4729.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	Who is releasing	Your name in the first blank of the printed sentence. Watch out: The name has to match the registration record the plate sits on. This is a release of your rights, so the rights have to be yours.
2	YOU	The plate number	The number being released, in the second blank. Watch out: The number, not the registration. Everything else about the registration stays where it is until somebody files a transfer.
3	YOU	Which of the three	Spouse, leasing company, or spouse's leasing company - indicated as applicable. Watch out: The list is the whole permission. If the person you have in mind is not one of the three, this form does not do what you want.
4	YOU	Sign and date	The current plate owner's printed name, signature and date. Watch out: Read the forfeiture note above it first: an unexpired initial or personalised plate loses its remaining registration on release, and the money is not refundable unless it qualifies as a legal transfer.
5	YOU	The additional plate owner	A second printed name, signature and date, where the plate is held in two names. Watch out: Both owners release, or neither does. A single signature on a jointly held plate is the reason this form comes back.

What gets this one rejected

- Releasing to somebody who is not on the list. Spouse, leasing company, spouse's leasing company - the form gives no fourth option, and a friend or an adult child is not one of them.
- Using it to hand a plate to the buyer of your car. That is not what a release is, and Ohio law requires the plates to come off the vehicle rather than change hands with it.
- One signature on a plate held in two names. There is a second signature block precisely because both owners have to release it.
- Expecting the unused registration to follow the number. Where the plate has not expired the note warns that the remaining registration is forfeited and is not refundable unless the case qualifies as a legal transfer.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.

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