

**Sponsor Testimony for House Bill 88**  
**Representative Marlene Anielski**  
**House Transportation and Public Safety Committee**  
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Thank you Chair Green, Vice-Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee for the opportunity to speak today on behalf of House Bill 88. The goal is to Cuyahoga Valley Career Center with the opportunity for additional funding, through a specialty license plate, to combat the silent epidemic of suicide and to protect our most precious gifts, our children.

After working with Superintendent Celena Roebuck, we determined that creating a specialty license plate would be a unique and common sense option that the students would greatly benefit from. The funding that the school receives would put to use serving the mental and emotional well-being of the students. I am confident that this type of legislation will open the door for life changing programs and training at the schools. I feel House Bill 88 is absolutely necessary due to undisputable facts that our young people are suffering in silence now more than ever.

The specialty license plates would be an additional forty dollar fee for the plate, on top of the original charge of thirty four dollars and fifty cents for a standards plate. Ten dollars of the forty dollars will be designated for administration fees at the BMV and the remaining thirty dollars to be distributed directly to the schools. One hundred percent of the funds distributed to the school are to be directly used in aiding the mental and emotional wellbeing of the students.

Chairman Green and members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you very much for your consideration.