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Superintendent, Twinsburg City School District

Good morning Chairman Green, Vice-Chairperson Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee. I am Kathi Powers the Superintendent with the Twinsburg City School District. Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for House Bill 266 which creates the "Twinsburg City School District" license plate. I sincerely appreciate Representative Kristina Roegner's efforts regarding House Bill 266 and her continued support of the our school district. House Bill 266 would allocate \$30 per license plate purchased to the Twinsburg City School District for discretionary use.

My District is located geographically halfway between Cleveland and Akron in Summit County and includes the City of Twinsburg, Twinsburg Township and a portion of the Village of Reminderville. The Twinsburg City School District has approximately 4200 students. My District is culturally and socio-economically diverse and provides a rigorous and comprehensive academic experience, balanced with a breadth of extra-curricular and athletic programs. Such a high quality education is nurtured by the valuable partnerships and collaborations fostered with members of our school community to ensure student success and engagement.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of House Bill 266 as it would provide our residents, staff members, alumni and students an opportunity to purchase license plates that will not only designate our school district's name, but would also proudly bear our Tiger logo and our motto, "...where the schools and the communities are one."

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One of the District Goals for the 2017/2018 school year states:

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered by developing the "whole child" through the implementation of a focused curriculum, community partnerships and high quality professional development and by the implementation and evaluation of innovative programs that contribute to growth for all students.

As mentioned previously, \$30 per license plate would be for discretionary use. The funds secured by the Twinsburg City School District would be used to support programs which develop the "whole child" as stated in our District Goal. More specifically, these funds would be used to enhance the District's innovative programming such as *The Academy at Twinsburg High School* wherein students have opportunities to gain skills in areas related to business & manufacturing, health care & administration and human performance & recreational management by participating in seminars, volunteer opportunities, shadowing experiences and internships at partner area businesses. Further, funds would be used to support our Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS) programs which promote academic achievement by encouraging positive social behavior outcomes for students. Our District's PBIS initiative provides "wrap around" services to our students and their families in many areas including alcohol and drug abuse awareness and mental health education.

Thank you for your attention today and for your commitment to Ohio's students. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of House Bill 266. I am thrilled by the prospect of Twinsburg City School District license plates as they will heighten Tiger Pride in our school community. Furthermore, the funds secured through the sale of these license plates will support programs that promote academic excellence in a positive and proactive school climate. I am happy to address any questions you may have at this time.