

## House Bill 321 Sponsor Testimony

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### **Rep. Koehler:**

Chairman Green, Vice Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on House Bill 321, which will create the Lion's Club License Plate for the State of Ohio.

2017 marks the 100-year anniversary of Lion's Club International. Lion's Club is the largest service organization in the world today, aiming to serve communities, meet humanitarian needs, and promote peace and understanding. As a Lion's Club member, I know very well what Lion's Club members all over Ohio and the world do to serve people in need.

In our North Hamptons Lion's Club, we focus on vision care. Lions and Leos work to screen vision, educate our community, help build clinics, and support the visually impaired through technology and vocational training programs.

### **Rep. Green:**

Having been a member of a Lion's Club for well over 30 years I have seen firsthand the good work that's been done not only in Ohio or the United States but all over the world. Lions clubs are committed to their motto "We Serve".

Lions' Service Areas include diabetes, environment protection, hunger relief, pediatric cancer, and, as Representative Koehler mentioned, vision.

Focused on these five areas, the Lions Club as a goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021. This framework helps Lions and Leos new opportunities to help meet the growing challenges facing humanity.

The creation of this license plate would give supporters of Lion's Club an easy way to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Thank you, members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, for hearing our testimony. Representative Koehler and I are open to questions at this time.