



Representative Louis W. Blessing, III

Sponsor Testimony HB 290

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Chairman Green, Vice Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 290.

House Bill 290 would create a “St. Xavier High School” license plate. This plate will cost \$40, with \$10 of the cost going toward bureau administrative fees. The remaining \$30 from this specialty plate would serve the school in two ways. Half of the money would go toward tuition assistance for students while the other half would go toward services focused on maintaining emotional and mental well-being of students.

Cathy Cionni, director of St. Xavier’s X-Travaganza annual school fundraiser, reached out to my office earlier this year hoping this license plate could be a way the community could help the young men at St. Xavier. As a product of an all-male Catholic school, I can personally attest to the great education and opportunities these institutions provide. This legislation would allow people to show their pride for St. Xavier High School while assisting its current and future students in their formation as leaders in the Jesuit tradition.

Chairman Green and members of the committee, I thank you for your time and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.