

## **House Bill 306**

### **Sponsor Testimony**

Chairman Green, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak to House Bill 306, which will create the "Gold Ribbon Awareness" license plate.

The gold ribbon has been the symbol for childhood cancer awareness since 1997. The gold color was picked for two reasons. First, the gold symbolizes how precious and priceless children are. Second, gold was chosen to show the childhood cancer journey. Just as gold goes through a process by fire, to become stronger and tougher, a child with cancer similarly undergoes such an experience.

The Gold Ribbon Awareness license plate will help in the battle against childhood cancers in two ways. First, the funds generated by the plate will go the Research Institution for Childhood Cancer at Nationwide Children's Hospital to fund research for the cure of childhood cancers. The plate will cost \$25 with \$15 going to research and \$10 going to the BMV to cover administrative fees. Second, the plate will help to spread childhood cancer awareness.

Chairman Green and members of the committee, I ask for your favorable consideration of this legislation. I thank you for your time and would be happy to address any questions you may have at this time.