



Thank you members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you today on behalf of the Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation. My name is Mary Taylor. I was a first grade teacher in Westerville City Schools until my recent medical emergency. I currently work on getting better and spreading GOLD ribbon and childhood cancer awareness.

Did you know in the United States, about two classrooms full of children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer every school day? Each day an average of 7 children die because of childhood cancer. One of these kids, Faith Gabriela Pruden was in my first grade class. Before she passed away from this horrible disease, Faith asked me to promise her I'd never let anyone forget her AND that I would spread gold ribbons like the pink ones we saw everywhere.

I made Faith that promise. I started a non-profit foundation in her name and I've worked tirelessly to make this GOLD ribbon license plate a reality.

These plates would have benefits beyond spreading gold ribbon Awareness. Instead of the proceeds from the gold ribbon license plate benefiting my Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation, I propose the funds raised from the specialty plates be designated to the Pediatric Cancer Research at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital. So hopefully, one day, there'll be no need for any cancer ribbons or foundations like mine.

Please pass this bill in honor of Faith and all the fighters, survivors and angels. Thank you for your consideration.