



Chairman Green, Vice Chairman Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee: thank you for hearing my testimony regarding House Bill 429 today.

My name is Thomas West II, and I am a freshman at Canton McKinley High School as well as a member of the school's football team. I am honored to have the opportunity to speak in support of House Bill 429, which will create a Canton Bulldog license plate.

Community and school pride can be expressed in many ways and the ultimate goal is to motivate students to succeed and citizens to get involved. When communities and schools come together, everyone benefits. The creation of a Canton Bulldog license plate is another opportunity to show and increase community and school pride within the Canton City School District.

I hope that you will pass this bill so that our community can express its pride for our schools. Thank you for your time, and I will be happy to take any questions you have.