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Chairman Green, Vice-Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and fellow members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee, I thank you for allowing me to offer sponsor testimony on HB 201.

The state license plate program is a great tool for people to show pride in their schools, or organizations. We like to drive a lot in this state and one of the most visible pieces is the license plate. I'm here today to tell you a little about DeMolay and why they should get their own plate.

DeMolay is an organization for young men between the ages of 12-21, and is a part of the masonic family. DeMolay is centered around 7 cardinal virtues; love of parents, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness in thought word and deed, and lastly patriotism.

DeMolay is in part a service organization utilizing these lessons to always be selfless, and to stay true to one's word. DeMolay chapters are involved in the community through various projects and fundraisers. DeMolay is wholly run by the members, so it is also a great leadership experience from having to plan and execute events to public speaking.

In Ohio there are around 20 chapters with just under 600 members statewide. DeMolay has produced outstanding leaders in many aspects including Reds player Pete Rose, actor John Wayne, entertainment tycoon Walt Disney, my Aide AJ Thomas and State Representative Don Manning just to name a few.

It is time that we let Ohio DeMolay show their pride for their upstanding organization with a license plate.

Chairman Green, Vice-Chair McClain, Ranking member Sheehy, and members of the Transportation and Public Safety committee I ask for your favorable support of HB 201, and will now entertain any questions you may have. Thank you.