



**State Representative Cindy Abrams**

**Sponsor Testimony – HB 430**

**Creating the Elder High School License Plate**

Chairman Green, Vice-Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify on House Bill 430 – Creating the Elder High School License Plate.

House Bill 430 would allow Ohioans to purchase a special plate at the BMV with an Elder logo on it for a small additional cost of \$40. \$10 of that will go to the BMV to cover the administrative costs of the plate, and the rest will go back to the school. Each and every sale directly benefits the students of Elder by supporting robust arts and enrichment classes, clubs and organizations, supplementing the tuition assistance program, and continuing the excellence of the many athletic teams.

The Elder High School community is always looking for new ways to promote their school spirit and give back. Offering a license plate featuring the Purple and the White is the perfect way for them to do so not just in Cincinnati, but throughout the State of Ohio which thousands of alumni fondly call home.

The Elder community plays a large role in the Greater Cincinnati area. They strive to not only be educators for young men academically, but also challenge students to “strive for the higher things” in all aspects of life. Elder students and alumni are known for putting service before self, constantly lending a hand to their local Price Hill community and the Greater Cincinnati area.

Elder students complete more than 12,000 hours of community service each year both on their own and through organized school events. Some examples include:

- the **Christmas Food and Toy Drive**, which helps over 280 families each holiday season,
- the **Mark Klusman Day of Service** when the entire faculty, staff, and all students go to 18 different service sites throughout the city,
- the **“Some Support the troops”** group of students who send out care packages and letters several times a year to our service men stationed here and abroad,

- and the ***Spiritual Boosters*** group that organizes Turkey Fry every Thanksgiving for 60 families from the Holy Family Food pantry.

Turning young men into well educated, upstanding citizens is worthy of continued support. I ask for your support of House Bill 430 to do just that.

Thank you again, Chairman Green for allowing me to present House Bill 430 for consideration. I am happy to stand for questions.