

Sponsor Testimony for House Bill 261
Rep. Marlene Anielski and Rep. Kristina Roegner
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Thank you Chair Green, Vice-Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee for the opportunity to speak today on behalf of House Bill 261. The goal is to provide Walsh Jesuit High School with the opportunity for additional funding, through a specialty license plate for student wellbeing programs and to aid the school's tuition assistance efforts.

After being contacted by Walsh Jesuit through Kyle Ferrara of the school's development office, Representative Roegner and I determined that creating a specialty license plate would be a unique and common sense option that the students would greatly benefit from. I am confident that this type of legislation will open the door for life changing programs and training at the schools. I feel House Bill 261 is necessary due to the undisputable fact that our young people are suffering in silence now more than ever.

The specialty license plates would be an additional forty-dollar fee for the plate, on top of the original charge for a standards plate. Ten dollars of the forty dollars will be designated for administration fees at the BMV and the remaining thirty dollars to be distributed directly to the schools. Fifty percent of the funds distributed to the school are to be directly used in aiding the mental and emotional wellbeing of the students while the other fifty is reserved for the school's tuition assistance efforts.

Chairman Green and members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you very much for your consideration. I now turn to my friend Representative Roegner.