

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 9/18/17

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

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Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB265

Specific Issue: Create Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools License Plate

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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How much time will your testimony require? One minute

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

Funds would be used to address the students social/emotional needs in the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District

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Chairman Green, Vice-chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony this morning on House Bill 265, which would create a "Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools" license plate.

As you are painfully aware, public school districts like ours face tremendous financial obstacles every day. We are certainly always trying to do more with less. But the pressure increases every year and the passage of HB 265 would certainly be a help. One of the things that we try to concentrate on is the social and emotional well-being of our students and identifying these needs at a much earlier age. If we can identify students needing the help earlier we can attack the problems for students before it becomes too late. This money would be spent on needs such as counseling, curriculum, and personnel support to support these students' needs as well as the societal ills many find themselves facing like drug and alcohol addiction. These interventions will increase the likelihood of success in our students' careers and later in life as a whole. We would greatly appreciate your support in this endeavor.

Chairman Green and members of the committee; thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on House Bill 265.