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House Bill 525

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Good afternoon, Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and all other members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee. I am here today to talk about HB 525, which is a bill to create the Bishop Hartley High School license plate. I am proud to be the primary sponsor of this bill.

Bishop Hartley High School is a coeducational school that is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus and serves the East side of Columbus. The school abides by six pillars including faith, preparation, community, service, spirit, and leadership. The school is founded on the principle of educating the entire person, which includes body, mind, and spirit. By supporting the entire person, Bishop Hartley High School aims to assist each student to develop fully. The school has a long tradition of working with families so that as many as possible can afford tuition. They are proud of their academic achievements. According to the school's website, each year, 99% of their students go on to two or four year colleges and the class of 2022 earned \$27.9 million in academic scholarships.

This bill states that Bishop Hartley High School must use the contributions for the school's alumni association. The school is proud of their tradition and history. Staying connected with alumni keeps the community of the school strong. It also encourages vital support for current and future students of the school through funding of scholarships and other activities.

This license plate would be available to all persons with an eligible vehicle registered in Ohio. In addition to normal required Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) fees, those applying for this plate would pay an additional \$10 administrative fee to cover the BMV's extra production costs and a \$30 contribution to Bishop Hartley High School. If the minimum 150 person registration requirement is met for the BMV to produce the plate then Bishop Hartley High School would receive at least \$4,500 in contributions. That number obviously increases when more people sign up for the license plate.

This bill would create a new avenue of support for a school that is an important educational institution on the East side of Columbus. Thank you for your time. Please vote yes on HB 525. I am happy to answer any questions members of the committee may have.