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**Senate Bill 363 — Sponsor Testimony**  
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Chairwoman Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill 363.

Senate Bill 363 will create the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program (OOGEEP) license plate. The purpose for this bill is to promote Ohio's robust natural gas and oil industry and raise funds to provide for energy education programs and opportunities, such as scholarships for Ohio students pursuing a career in the energy industry.

The Ohio General Assembly created OOGEEP in 1998 as a non-profit organization dedicated to educating Ohioans about the natural gas and oil industry. Since inception, the organization has reached millions of people across the state through education programs, safety trainings and informational events.

Ohio is one of the top energy producing states in the nation; in 2021, the state produced 18.8 million barrels of oil and 2.25 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. However, there are still Ohioans who do not realize the immense resources our state holds directly under our feet. OOGEEP is working to ensure all are educated on the importance of the natural gas and oil industry to Ohio and the nation. A recent study from JobsOhio and Cleveland State University shows Ohio's natural gas and oil industry has invested \$95.3 billion in the state since 2011.

Funds collected from fees of this license plate will be paid to the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Foundation to fund scholarships for students pursuing careers in the oil and natural gas industry. This foundation has awarded over half a million dollars to hundreds of students since its creation.

Thank you once again Chairwoman Kunze and members of the committee for the opportunity to present this legislation to you today. I will be glad to answer any questions at this time.