

**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 302**

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Chair Patton, Vice Chair Shaffer, Ranking Member Antonio, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Daniel Evangelista and I am the president of the General Sherman Civil War Roundtable (CWRT) located in Lancaster, Ohio. I'm writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 302; a bill that would create the U.S. Grant Ohio license plate.

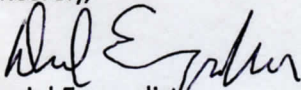
The General Sherman CWRT is an independent organization and like many other civil war roundtables across the country, we work diligently to help preserve our nation's history. Our mission is to educate the public and to encourage community engagement in support of that goal, and we support historic site preservation and interpretation efforts across the country. We provide local, state and national speakers for our community and we encourage critical discussion as we work to better understand and preserve our past.

Our meetings are open to the general public and our attendees come from a wide range of backgrounds and age groups. As a CWRT, we are essentially dedicated to helping keep our rich Ohio and national history alive. We share these goals with other organizations like the Land of U.S. Grant, Grant Monument Association, and the Ulysses S. Grant Association.

As with all of these groups, we struggle with common issues: raising resources, awareness and interest. We believe that this effort is a great way to generate support for the petitioner, and it benefits all of us involved with promoting American history. The U.S. Grant Ohio license plate can be a great way of improving the awareness and visibility of this important cause, and it has the potential for raising curiosity and for generating meaningful conversations. In all, we believe that the U.S. Grant license plate is a great way to reach people not only in Ohio, but all over the United States.

We think that promoting the visibility of an important American like Ulysses S. Grant can benefit all Americans by helping us to remember and preserve our history. We believe that this is something we all should encourage. On behalf of our roundtable and the members and community who support our mission, I respectfully ask for your support of Senate Bill 302.

Sincerely,



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