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Proponent Testimony – HB 35

Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 35, legislation that would designate Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland ("GSOH") as the Ohio Girl Scout Council to enter into the contract with the bureau of motor vehicles to have Girl Scout specialized license plates issued and be the recipient of the contributions to be received from the BMV.

We are the Juniors (grades 4-5) of Girl Scout Troop 1275. We are working on our Bronze Award project, which is the highest award a Junior can earn. To earn this award we have to make a plan, carry out our plan and make a difference in our community. Instead of making a difference in our community, we chose to make a difference in the state of Ohio. We are working to reinstate the Girl Scout license plates in Ohio. These license plates have not been available for 20 years.

We have contacted all five of the Ohio Girl Scout Councils, who are all very supportive of our project. They have each signed a letter agreeing to have GSOH be the recipient of the contributions, which will then be distributed to all of the Ohio councils. All councils have also agreed to keep the fee at \$25.00 as currently stated in the Ohio Revised Code. We are also working on the design for the license plate, which will go through an approval process with the five Ohio Girl Scout Councils and Girl Scouts of the United States of America before it is submitted to the BMV for production. Currently, we have approximately 140 of the required 150 signatures on the petitions that will be submitted to the BMV.

This has been a very exciting project for us. We have met so many people who are just as excited about our project as we are and have given us many words of encouragement. We have learned how a bill becomes a law and are proud to be a part of this process.

Thank you Chairman Green and members of the committee for your time.