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House Bill 227 Sponsor Testimony Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Chairman Green, Vice-Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 227. This bill, also referred to as the "Kenston Local Schools License Plate Bill," was brought to me by active and engaged parents of children in the Kenston Local School District, which serves students in Chagrin Falls.

Similar to other school license plates passed in previous years, this bill would allow for the creation of a specialty license plate with the Kenston Local School District's logo to be affixed to a new license plate when a vehicle owner requests such a plate and pays the associated fee. A portion of the proceeds from each purchase of the plate would go back to the school district, to be used for the development or maintenance of a culture of environmental responsibility, as well as an innovative science, technology, engineering, art, and math (S.T.E.A.M.) curriculum for the district.

77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6111 Phone: (614)644-5088 Email: Rep76@ohiohouse.gov The Kenston Local School District specialty license plate would cost an additional forty dollars, the same amount as other specialty organization plates. Thirty dollars of the increased fee would be provided to the school district and ten dollars would be allocated to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to cover the costs associated with creating this specialty plate.

Members of the school board, as well as the district's administration have indicated that they are certain a large number of parents and alumni will wish to purchase the license plates and that the funds would be best directed to the programs I mentioned previously.

Chairman Green and members of the House Transportation Committee, again, thank you for allowing me to speak in support of House Bill 227. I am happy to answer any questions that the committee may have on this legislation.