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Chairman Green, Vice-Chair Greenspan, and Ranking Member Sheehy, thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 313, which would create the "Pelotonia" license plate.

First, I would like to thank Matthew Hare, who lives in my district, for bringing the idea for this legislation to me. It is always rewarding to see ideas from the community come into fruition and this is no exception.

Since its founding in 2008, Pelotonia has raised more than \$130 million for cancer research through its charitable events, which features three days of cycling, entertainment and volunteerism. One hundred percent of every dollar raised goes directly to cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center—Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute.

House Bill 313 expands the ability for supporters of Pelotonia to contribute \$15 to cancer research through the purchase of the license plate.

The great work Pelotonia does in funding life-saving cancer research speaks for itself. The creation of the Pelotonia license plate will give supporters of cancer research an easy way to contribute to the worthwhile cause of ending this terrible disease, which has touched all of our lives in some way.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 313 and I would be happy to answer questions from the committee at this time.

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