

Sponsor Testimony for House Bill 288
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Thank you Chair Green, Vice-Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee for the opportunity to speak today on behalf of House Bill 288. The goal is to give the Cuyahoga Heights Local School District the opportunity to have a specialty license plate, to assist students with programs for their emotional and mental well-being. In the 131st GA, I sponsored several specialty license plates for schools that have become law. HB 288 is modeled after the other bills passed previously.

The specialty license plates would have an additional forty-dollar fee for the plate, on top of the original charge of a standard plate. Ten dollars of the forty dollars will be designated for administration fees at the BMV and the remaining thirty dollars would be distributed directly to the schools. One hundred percent of the funds distributed to the school district are to be directly used in programs aiding the mental and emotional well-being of the students and / or training of teachers to present the programs. The school district decides what programs are needed in their schools. House Bill 288 is necessary due to undisputable facts that our young people are suffering in silence now more than ever.

Chairman Green and members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much for your consideration.