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Chairman Green, Vice-Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and Members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony on HB 474. This bill would create a "Trees 4 Ohio" license plate, inscribed with identifying words or markings designed by the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture.

This license plate would be available to all applicants, and to any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar. In order to receive the "Trees 4 Ohio" license plate, a $15 contribution is required. The Registrar will pay the contributions they receive to the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture. They will use the contributions to increase consumer awareness on the importance of proper tree care and to raise funds for the chapter's educational efforts. A $10 additional administrative BMV fee is also required.

The "Trees 4 Ohio" license plate is an opportunity to raise awareness for the importance of tree care through the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture. They are a nonprofit organization which strives to promote the professional practice of arboriculture and foster a greater worldwide awareness of the benefit of trees. Their educational efforts span from research, public awareness, and safety. House Bill 474 ensures that Ohio's beautiful forests will continue to thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 474. I would be happy to answer any questions.