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Representative Dave Greenspan

House Bill 481

Chair Green, Vice Chair Patton, Ranking Member Sheehy and Members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

I stand before you today as the joint-sponsor, with Representative Fedor, of a very important piece of legislation – House Bill 481. The “Stop Bullying” license plate bill.

All money collected through the issuance of a license plate pursuant to this bill will be deposited into the Stop Bullying license Plate Contribution Fund and these proceeds as well as other contributed to this fund will be used to support bullying prevention education programming. As bullying is becoming more prevalent in our schools and society there is an increased need to raise awareness to the subject.

This bill is a “partner bill” with House Bill 360 – “The Ohio Anti-Bullying and Anti-Hazing Act”. As House Bill 360 addresses the post affects of Bullying – House Bill 481 – is intended to address prevention, education and training – in effect be a pre-emptive step towards facing this issue.

The cost of the license plate will be \$35.00, \$25.00 will go directly to the fund and \$10.00 will cover administrative costs related to the issuance of the license plate.

Thank you Chair Green and members of the committee for your consideration and we will be happy to answer any questions that the committee may have.