



### State Representative Kristin Boggs

Chairman Green, Vice Chair Patton, ranking member Sheehy, and members of the house Transportation and Public Safety Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on HB 521, to create a *Girls on the Run* license plate.

*Girls on the Run* is an experience-based curriculum that inspires young girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident and integrates running into their program. *Girls on the Run* is a national organization, in all 50 states, with six councils in Ohio. The program has hosted more than 350 end-of-season 5k events across the United States, making the *Girls on the Run* 5K series the largest in the country.

Girls on the Run offers the opportunity for all girls to participate, regardless of financial situation. In Central Ohio alone, over 58% of girls cannot afford the life-changing, self-esteem building program. The funds generated from the license plate will be solely applied to the *Girls on the Run* fee assistance fund around the state of Ohio.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 521, I would be happy to answer any questions.