

Members of the Ohio House
Homeland Security Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215



RE: H.B. 223
Sec.4503.598

November 22, 2023

Dear Members of the Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of the Jackson Local Schools license plate section of H.B. 223.

As a Past President of the Jackson Local Schools Foundation and an active Board member of the Jackson High School Alumni Association, I am writing as a proponent for Jackson Local Schools license plates to be approved and issued.

Jackson Local Schools is one of the top districts in Stark County. U.S. News and World Report recently ranked Jackson High School in the top 5% of all Ohio districts and in the top 8% of all districts in the United States. The nearly 6,000 students in Jackson Local Schools continue to achieve at high levels in Academics, the Arts, Speech and Debate and Athletics.

Jackson Township has a population of more than 43,000 residents with many of them being passionate fans of Jackson Local Schools who are excited about the possibility of having Jackson Local Schools license plates on their vehicles.

The fees generated by the issuance of the license plates will go to the Jackson Local Schools Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that also includes the Jackson High School Alumni Association. The generated funds will be used for scholarships, Great Idea teacher classroom grants and the Jackson Student Resource fund which supports students and their families facing difficult circumstances.

Over the last seven years the JLSF and the JHSAA have contributed \$47,500 in scholarships, \$156,000 through 64 Classroom Grants and \$5,000 to the newly established Student Resource Fund. Both organizations are entirely volunteer led, and more information can be found in our 2022-2023 Annual Report at www.tinyurl.com/2p9w7497.

We thank you for your consideration and ask for your approval so that we can continue to help Jackson students and educators climb to levels that have yet to be imagined.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Camp'.

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