



JOEL KITCHENS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 1ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

TO: The Assembly Committee on Transportation
FROM: Representative Joel Kitchens, 1st Assembly District
DATE: February 2, 2016
RE: Testimony in Support of Assembly Bill 702

Thank you, Chairman Ripp and members of the Assembly Committee on Transportation for hearing my testimony in support of Assembly Bill 702 (AB 702).

Founded in 1982 in Sturgeon Bay, WI, Whitetails Unlimited (WTU) is a national non-profit conservation organization that has dedicated their resources to the betterment of white-tailed deer and their environment. AB 702 authorizes the production of specialty plates for the Wisconsin Chapter of WTU and would help the organization raise funds to support educational programs, wildlife habitat enhancement and acquisition, and the preservation of the hunting tradition and shooting sports for future generations. In the past, WTU projects have utilized funds for research, wildlife agency assistance, habitat enhancement/acquisition, college scholarships, public education materials, hunter safety/education, anti-poaching measures, and cooperative projects with other conservation organizations.

WTU has spent over \$64.4 million dollars for the betterment of whitetail deer and the promotion of safe and sustainable hunting practices. Hunting is one of Wisconsin's great traditions, and I am proud to bring this bill before you. WTU has grown to include 400 chapters nationwide, and AB 702 will help provide for their continued success. This bill will also support the revenue our state and local communities receive every hunting season. Thousands of dollars go to into sales and other expenses related to deer hunting in Wisconsin, and it is important to continue to support this portion of our industry and tourism.

I hope you will support this bill and WTU's efforts to better the whitetail deer and their environment. Thank you for your time and consideration.



JANEL BRANDTJEN

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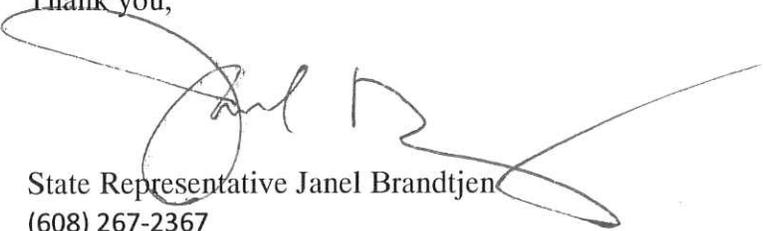
Thank you Chairman Ripp and the entire Transportation Committee for allowing me to testify today on behalf of Assembly Bill 702.

We here in the legislature have an opportunity to create awareness to one of the most devastating illnesses known to this world, childhood cancer. According to CURESEARCH for Children's Cancer;

- Every day, 43 children are diagnosed with cancer.
- 12% of children diagnosed with cancer do not survive.
- Children's cancer affects all ethnic, gender and socio-economic groups.
- The average age of children diagnosed is six.
- More than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year.
- 60% of children who survive cancer suffer late-effects, such as infertility, heart failure and secondary cancers.

This bill provides those of us who wish to draw attention to this disease the ability to purchase a special license plate to "Help Cure Childhood Cancer" and support the MACC fund at no cost to the taxpayers.

Thank you,



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TO: Chairperson Ripp and Members of the Assembly Transportation Committee

FROM: Gina Dennik-Champion, MSN, RN, MSHA
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DATE: February 2, 2016

RE: Support of AB 702 and SB 543 relating to special registration plates associated with nurses, the nursing profession, and other designated groups registration numbers on special registration plates, and making appropriations.

The Wisconsin Nurses Association wants to express our appreciation to you Chairperson Ripp for scheduling a hearing today on AB 702. We would also like to thank the members of the Assembly Transportation Committee for receiving our testimony. AB 702 and the companion bill SB 543 establishes designated special groups for persons interested in obtaining special license plates expressing support for specifically named groups. WNA applauds the inclusion of the nurses and our nursing profession as one of these designated special groups in this legislation.

My name is Gina Dennik-Champion and I am the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Nurses Association. WNA supports efforts that can have a significant impact on the sustainability of a nursing workforce for the future. It was identified in the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development supported 2014 RN Workforce Report, nurses reported that the cost of tuition and fees as the top barrier to additional nursing education across all regions. Recognizing this financial burden, WNA actively supports the concept of providing educational scholarships to nurses using the fees collected through the issuing of a special license plate. WNA believes that AB 702 and SB 543 is a mechanism that can increase the nursing supply, visibility, and pride regarding the nursing profession throughout the state.

WNA is confident that the \$25.00 that is collected from the purchase of each nurse specialty license plate will create a sizeable monetary fund that will contribute to sustaining a prepared nursing workforce for the future. This in turn will support the supply of nurses needed to care for the people of Wisconsin. WNA wishes to extend sincere thanks to Representative Joel Kitchens for sponsoring AB 702 and to Senator Lasee for sponsoring SB 543 and thank you Chairperson Ripp for your co-sponsorship. We ask that AB 702/SB 543 earn the support of all of the members of this Committee, and request a swift passage.

Thank you again Chairperson Ripp for scheduling a hearing on this bill today.

I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Reference: Wisconsin 2014 Registered Nursing Survey Report, July 2015. Wisconsin Center for Nursing.
www.wicenterfornursing.org

Testimony for Public Hearing
Assembly Committee on Transportation
AB702: Special Registration Plate Associated with the Boy Scouts of America
February 2, 2016

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Thank you Chairman Ripp and members of the Assembly Transportation Committee for allowing my testimony on Assembly Bill 702.

As an Eagle Scout and long time volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America, I am in favor of Assembly Bill 702 and Senate Bill 543.

Three years ago, Fredrick (Rick) G. Seeger and I started working on establishing a special license plate for the State of Wisconsin supporting the Boy Scouts of America. After a lot time and effort, this past fall AB511 and SB388 were introduced in the legislature. I would like to thank Representatives Vos, Petryk, Krug, Rohrkaste, Macco, Kitchens, Horlacher, Brandtjen, Tittl, Mursau, Vandermeer, Jorgensen, A. Ott, Considine, Ohnstad, T. Larson, Kahl, and Bernier for introducing AB511 and Senators Wanggaard, Olsen, Lazich, L. Taylor, and Wirch for introducing SB388. Late in November, Speaker Vos's office informed us that there were several other special license plate proposals and that they would like to combined them into one omnibus special license plate legislation. We agreed to the proposal. I would like to thank Representatives Vos, Ripp, Kitchens, and Brandtjen for introducing AB702 and Senators Wanggaard, Lazich, and Lasee for introducing SB543.

The vision of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

Boy Scouts of America Councils located in Wisconsin (2014 Data) provide:

- The Scouting program to over 57,000 youth members
- Over 19,000 adults serve as Scouting volunteers
- The Scouts have recorded over 255,000 hours of service to their communities at a value of more than \$5.5 million
- The Scouts collected more than 1 million pounds of food through the Scouting for food program
- 865 Scouts earned the Eagle Scout award, with more than 13,000 helpers assisted in their Eagle Scout Leadership Service Projects

This bill provides those of us, current Scouters and alumni, who wish to visibly show support for Scouting the ability to purchase a special license plate and to provide funding for Boy Scouts of America Councils located in our state at no cost to the taxpayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dear Chairman Ripp and members of the committee:

Thank you for holding a hearing today on Assembly Bill 702, relating to special registration plates associated with the Boy Scouts of America. Senator Wanggaard and I drafted this legislation to support and provide funding for this great organization.

In 2014, there were about 57,000 youth that participated in scouting programs in Wisconsin and Wisconsin scouts officially recorded 255,527 hours of service to their communities at a value of more than \$5.5 million.

The specialty plates created by AB 702 will display the words *Scouting Alumni* and will give vehicle owners the choice between logos associated with the Boy Scouts of America or with the Eagle Scouts.

Under the bill, the specialty plates will be issued once the Department of Transportation receives contributions in the amount of the initial production costs. After the initial production costs are covered, revenues received will be distributed to local councils.

We believe that this bill creates a sustainable way for those that have participated in scouting to show their support for the organization. We hope that you'll join us in supporting it.

Thank you,

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Speaker Robin J. Vos
63rd Assembly District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Van Wanggaard".

Senator Van Wanggaard
21st Senate District

DATE: February 2, 2016

REF: Assembly Committee Public Hearing on Bill AB702
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Thank you, Transportation Chairman Representative RIPP and Transportation Committee Members for allowing me to testify today on Assembly Bill 702.

As a volunteer of the Boy Scouts of America and being an Eagle Scout, I stand in favor of Assembly Bill 702 and Senate Bill 543.

More than three years ago, after trying to purchase a special license plate honoring the Boy Scouts of America, for my car. I was told the plate was not part of the special plates in Wisconsin. So the Three Harbors Council NESA License Plate Committee was formed. Through researching Wisconsin Department of Transportation Regulations on special plates and contacting representative, Robin Vos, Assembly Bill 702 was written. It was then introduced by Representatives Kitchens, Brandtjen, Ripp and Vos, co-sponsored by Senators Lasee, Lazich and Wanggaard. I would like to give a special thank you for all who have been involved in this very special Bill.

Assembly Bill 702 will allow for funds to be divided by all Boy Scout councils addressed within the state of Wisconsin and allow for funding to keep the Boy Scout program of building solid citizens with strong moral character in our state.

Assembly Bill 702 will allow for the tens of thousands of scouting families to show their support for the scouting program by purchasing a plate displaying the B.S.A. Emblem and also allow Eagle Scouts to show their pride by having a Scouting Alumni Plate with the Eagle Scout Insignia. The Assembly Bill 702 will be funded by the Alumni Scouters purchasing the plate with negligible or no cost to the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Transportation Committee Chairman Ripp for allowing this public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Seeger