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Chairman Proehl, and members of the House Transportation Committee

Thank you for hearing and considering HB2633 today. This bill represents a true grass-roots effort by Hutchinson residents to build community pride and give people an opportunity to support local parks and recreation programs.

This idea to allow the sale of Hutchinson flag-themed license plates was brought forward by board members of the Hutch Rec Foundation. It has broad support in the community. In fact, the flag itself was a resident-led effort that included months of meetings and research on flag design. A community-wide call was issued to enlist local artists to submit their design ideas. Since the official adoption of the flag, residents share their community pride by displaying the design on t-shirts, bumper stickers, flag poles, and in business advertising.

This legislation would elevate that community spirit by allowing the sale of official vehicle license plates, with the surcharge routed to the Hutch Rec Foundation, where it would aid in long-term projects in our community. The legislation is modeled after legislation that permitted the same sort of use for the Wichita flag.

There is broad support for HB2633 in our community and I know that residents will be excited for the opportunity to show appreciation for their community and support our local parks. I hope the committee will consider reporting this bill out favorable for passage and give Hutchinson residents the opportunity to realize another way to support the community with the purchase of a Hutchinson flag-themed license plate.

Thank you all for your time and consideration.

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Rep. Jason Probst, District 102

