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Thank you Chairman Ripp and committee members for hearing testimony today on Assembly Bill 295. Unfortunately I cannot be here today to express my support for the legislation but I appreciate you taking the time to read my testimony into the record.

AB 295 allows for the creation of a special group license plate, for the ALS Association – Wisconsin Chapter. The ALS Association – Wisconsin Chapter is a non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization that is dedicated to helping Wisconsin ALS patients and their families, and to raising public awareness about the disease and generating research funds. There are currently over 300 Wisconsin residents that have ALS that are being helped by the Wisconsin Chapter.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis – abbreviated ALS, and also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease – is a disease that is 100% fatal. It is a rapidly progressive neurological disorder that attacks the nerve cells responsible for controlling voluntary muscle movement. The average patient survives between 2-5 years, and the condition afflicts people of all ages, race, and backgrounds

The ALS Association provides vital support to individuals and families all across Wisconsin who are dealing with the devastating impacts of this disease. Assembly Bill 295 will help the ALS Association raise more funds to fight the disease and to spread public awareness.