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I would like to remind the Committee, that the DPS work for us, not the other way around. They will testify and give reasons why they and other law enforcement want or need front license plates.

However, They need to be reminded that in this case it is NOT about what they want, but what we Texas citizens want.

We do NOT care if it will make their job harder.

Having a front license plate on some vehicles isn't just about aerodynamics, or how it looks, but can make a vehicle unsafe.

In the case of my vehicle a 4x4 2023 bronco, there is no safe place to mount a front license plate. It will block the inch, the lights, turn signals, or adaptive cruise control module, or the front facing camera, or block air ways to keep the engine cool. There is absolutely no true safe place to put the plate.

38% of all vehicles on the roads in Texas are not legally required to have a front license plate. Such as new vehicles, recently purchased used vehicles, vehicles from out of state, motorcycles, and a few others.

Because of that it could be claimed that the requirement of license plates being required on some vehicles but not all vehicles is a violation of the constitution under the "equal protection clause" and could be unconstitutional.

Please pass this bill out of Committee. Texas no longer needs or wants front license plates. It's only law enforcement and DPS that do. And they work for us the Texas Citizens. And we don't care if it makes their job easier or not. We no longer want them.

It's time to tell DPS and Law Enforcement to do what we want. Period.