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Chairman Hambley, Vice Chair Patton, and Ranking Member Brown Thank you for the opportunity to testify for House Bill 355. My name is Jeff Hoffman and I have been in the campground business for over 45 years. This is the first time of have testified before a House committee, because I am strongly in favor of House Bill 355.

In my 45 years in the camping business I have had many incidents which would qualify under this Bill, Such as dog bites, people tripping over fire rings or trees roots, wind damage, animal encounters and many other episodes. I know this Bill is not designed to eliminate our liability for things which are under our control and I agree with the limited scope of this Bill.

If this Bill passes, we as campground operators will still have to try and mitigate these situations as they occur. Our reputations are important to us so we will always try to satisfy our camping guests to the best of our ability. However, as you know not every person is reasonable, and that is why we are asking for this Bill. All lawsuits cost money to defend, whether through our insurance company representation or our own attorneys. This Bill would help eliminate situations where we are defending frivolous lawsuits.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 355.