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Privately owned and operated campgrounds serving Ohio's recreational needs

House Bill 178

Proponent Testimony – Jeff Hoffman

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo and all members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today on House Bill 178. My name is Jeff Hoffman and I have been in the campground business for over 45 years. I am the owner of Sandusky Bayshore KOA and currently serve as the President of the Ohio Campground Owners Association (OCA). I am submitting this testimony today on behalf of the OCA which represents privately owned and operated campgrounds in the State.

The members of the OCA board of directors were moved by Makenna's tragic story and applaud sponsoring Representatives Schmidt and Miller for their commitment to ensuring this doesn't happen to another child. Many of our members offer splash pads for our campers and it is always a hit with our young guests! In hearing the details of the high pressure of the water feature in the situation explained by Makenna and her family, we believe that was well outside any level of pressure our splash pads would produce.

Typically our private campgrounds bristle at the idea of additional government regulation and requirements. However in reviewing this bill and seeking comment from some of the splash pad manufactures we have contacts with, we feel comfortable that his legislation takes a measured and common sense approach.

Mr. Chairman, thank you again for the opportunity to offer our support for HB 178.