

House Civil Justice Committee Chair Rep. Brett Hillyer, my name is Mary Huck. Thank you for allowing me to testify in favor of SB 237, sponsored by Theresa Gavarone and Nathan Manning. I grew up on a dairy farm with the perspective that we had the right to follow our values and needs and enjoy community. Later, teaching and volunteering with an environmental rights organization have allowed that perspective to hold steady and given me a reason for living. As a senior, I've been "putting all the pieces together," seeing and choosing what needs to be done to improve our society and live in harmony with nature, to sustain our Earth climate and resources for the continuation of the species. Without my volunteer non-profit, this cannot be done. Nobody works to embody dreams without pay the way a non-profit can, and seniors have the key! (of course, not all non-profits are made up of seniors). SLAPP suits suffocate non-profits, immobilizing members in fear and silencing them. This is a good bill – PASS IT! Thank you again for receiving my testimony.