

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 12/3/23

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Are you representing: Yourself ☐ Organization ☒

Organization (If Applicable): BounceUp Ohio

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes ☒ No ☐

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HR 238

Specific Issue: Inspection and permit fees on inflatable rides (bounce houses)

Are you testifying as a: Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ Interested Party ☐

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes ☐ No ☒

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How much time will your testimony require? _____

Please provide a brief statement on your position: I am in support of HR 238. The current system of inspections for inflatable rides provides little to no actual safety for the consumer. The high cost of inspections has created a system where there are numerous companies that will operate with no permits and inspections due to the exorbitant cost of said fees. We are running into more and more "underground" businesses operating in an unsafe manner. As legitimate business owners we have no desire for any unsafe conditions due to our already high insurance costs. Owners inspect their units every time they are set up and understand the repercussion of a damaged unit. Most incidents are due to improper set up of the unit and not the actual unit itself. We all have seen the videos of units flying in the air. It is almost a guarantee two things weren't done. The unit wasn't secured to the ground according to the manufacture and ASTM standards or the operator failed to check the weather conditions for the day. While pop up storms can occur a good operator will warn the

consumer of the possibility. Our business has and will continue to cancel events due to weather if we feel it will be unsafe. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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