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**RE: SB 433 - Alter amusement ride
classification for inspection fee purposes.**

Proponent Testimony

Good morning,

My name is Corey LeRoux. I represent one of over 250 businesses and organizations that have made the conscience decision to place safety and compliance at the top of their priority list. These organizations faithfully host the Ohio Department of Agriculture Ride Safety Inspectors, setting aside time and finances to ensure their clients, guests, or students are able to enjoy childhood activities in as safe a manner as possible. Ohio law requires these inspections, but many inflatable owners, either by ignorance or by willing noncompliance, do not go to such measures. These inspections are critical to the safety of Ohio's most vulnerable citizens.

For many years, our company (and hundreds of other compliant companies) have paid an inspection fee that was set in an arbitrary and non-scientific method. A thorough review of these fees has been done by the ODA, and through a series of scientific examinations, recommendations have been made to alter the classifications and fee structure of ride inspections in Ohio.

Among other findings, the inspection price for an inflatable has been shown to be exorbitant, especially as compared to the other ride types that the ODA inspectors perform their inspection upon. This is a critically important finding for two reasons. First, it demonstrates an innate unfairness in the current fee structure. Large corporate entities that publish their profits in the billions of dollars are paying proportionately less than their family-owned counterparts. Secondly, and equally unacceptable, the high cost of inspection inadvertently leads to a large number of small operators that choose, even with knowledge of the law, to operate without proper inspections. This unfortunate truth leaves many Ohio families woefully unaware that the company they selected for their child's birthday party or other special event is risking the well-being of their loved ones.

A fee structure that is based in fairness and logical, cost-based inspections will serve not only to impartially cover the ODA's costs of inspections, but also to bring smaller businesses into the fold. This will bring Ohio's children and families the opportunity to play more safely and operators, even small ones, the ability to operate in compliance with Ohio Law.

Ohio is one of the safest states for amusement ride safety. Our ODA Inspectors work tirelessly to ensure that this fact remains true. We need to do the right thing by our operators, as well as our citizens, and ensure that ride inspection costs are built correctly. Moving forward, please do whatever it takes to ensure that this bill passes through committee and into the hands of the General Assembly and Governor. Ohio families are counting on this to pass. We need not exchange convention for the wellbeing of Ohio's young people. This is a critical change, and one that will serve Ohioans for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corey LeRoux", written in a cursive style.

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