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Chairman Shaffer, Vice Chair Koehler, Ranking Member Hicks Hudson, and members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 433.

This legislation is the result of work that began during the occupational licensing review in the previous General Assembly. It implements the unanimous recommendations of the Department of Agriculture's Advisory Council on Amusement Ride Safety, which includes representatives from across the industry, such as Cedar Fair, the Greater Ohio Showmen's Association, the Ohio Fair Manager's Association, and others from the inflatable and portable ride sectors.

The council formed a subcommittee that developed a new system to expand ride categories, better reflecting their size and complexity. This system aligns inspection fees with the time and resources needed to properly inspect each ride. After thorough review, the subcommittee unanimously approved this plan, which was then brought before the full council and also passed unanimously.

This reform is revenue-neutral to the Department of Agriculture and will ensure that Ohio's amusement ride safety program remains strong, while also protecting operators from an inequitable fee structure. It acknowledges the different resource needs for small and large rides, all while maintaining a rigorous, transparent, and fair inspection process.

Additionally, this reform ensures that Ohio's amusement ride safety program remains strong while protecting operators from an inequitable fee system. It recognizes the vastly different resource requirements of small and large rides and allows the state to maintain inspections that are rigorous, transparent, and fair.

I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you for your time, and I will now turn it over to my joint sponsor.