**WITNESS INFORMATION FORM**

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Business before the committee

 Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): H.B. 189

 Specific Issue: Amusement Ride Safety

Are you testifying as a: Proponent X Opponent Interested Party

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How much time will your testimony require? 5 Mins

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

The Ohio Department of Agriculture currently has 8 inspectors to cover all of Ohio’s 88 counties. Information I have collected from different websites show they inspect all of Ohio’s established theme parks, more than 94 county and independent agricultural fairs, and are also working to standardize zip line inspections. They are not only required to inspect both fixed, portable and aquatic amusement rides, but go carts, and yes inflatable’s as well. Considering their scope of work, the travel time needed for 1 inspector to cover 11 different counties sounds over whelming to stand here and read it. I can’t imagine they have more than a few minutes on site to actually do their job.

Many people would want to stand before you today point fingers and air their anger and frustration. My son was not that kind of man. He would strive to recognize the daunting task these inspectors face. Then do everything in his power to find a solution. He was laser focused on protecting Ohio’s citizens and that is why I am here today asking you to support house bill 189, help complete his legacy, and protect Ohio’s citizens.

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