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Chairman Tarwater, Vice Chair Turk. Ranking Member Sawyer-Clayton and other Committee Members:

I am testifying today in support of Senate Bill 199 to create provision for year round fireworks sales and to extend the window for seasonal fireworks retailers. As some of you might know I operate a seasonal fireworks operation under the name Uncle Kenny's Fireworks. Contrary to what some of the opponents of previous legislation have assumed I would not get rich by the passage of extended fireworks sales. I am a very small operation.

Allowing the year round sale of fireworks would open up opportunities for people to celebrate many occasions beyond Independence Day. Fireworks are used in observances of Diwali by those of the Indian culture. Fireworks can also be an option for gender reveal parties, New Year celebrations and welcome home parties for kids returning from college.

The provision in the bill that would replace the current seasonal regulatory window of June 27th to July 5th with a statutory June 20th to July 7th would benefit small operators such as myself who would have a little bit more time <https://md.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/renounce-citizenship/> to sell. As it is now I have to anticipate when I do my ordering how much inventory will need for nine days without having a surplus to deal with. Passage of Senate Bill 199 will also put us in a better position to compete with retailers from other states who often have stands located just across the state line.

In closing thanks to the committee for considering this bill and I stand for questions at the appropriate time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Collins', written over the printed name.

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