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Submitting written testimony for Amusement Ride Regulation Bill
I am a proponent of most sections and opponent of Section 4 (KSA
2016 Supp. 44-1601 (k) concerning a "Qualified Inspector".

It is my stance that requiring a "licensed engineer" to inspect Amusement Rides creates an undue hardship that can be counterproductive to our industry. The requirement to become a licensed engineer is extensive. 4 year college degree; 4 years working under a PE (Professional Engineer); and must pass 2 extensive competency exams. A Licenced Engineer is not trained to inspect our equipment. We employ trained NAARSO level 2 ride inspectors to inspect our rides. They are certified to inspect Amusement Rides and required to attend continued schooling to maintain their license. Our safety record speaks for itself. Safety is our top priority and we encourage inspection of our equipment by properly trained inspectors. We are a travelling Carnival in business since the early 1960's and show at 30 locations per season. We employ an in-house NARRSO level 2 inspector that travels with us year round. Keep it Safe, require properly trained, certified inspectors. Licensed Engineers do not fit this description.

Sincerely,

Chris Flattery