

To:

House Federal & State Affairs Committee

From:

Keith Beatty, PE; Kansas Society of Professional Engineers

Date:

March 23, 2017

Re:

Support of HB 2389

Chairman Barker and members of the committee, Thank you for the opportunity to submit written remarks on our support of House Bill 2389.

The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) represents the individual licensed engineers across the state. For over 100 years, KSPE has worked to promote engineering by delivering professional development services, encouraging licensure and advocating public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the industry.

House Bill 2389 adds rules to ensure amusement parks and rides are safe for public use. The bill requires amusement rides to be inspected annually by a qualified inspector. One of the requirements of the qualified inspector is to be a licensed engineer.

Professional Engineer (PE) licensure is the engineering profession's highest standard of competence. Promoting engineer licensure is the staple of our association's mission. We feel strongly this bill is a step the right direction to ensure the safety of visitors at amusement parks.

Infrastructure safety is paramount to our state society. HB 2389 can help make this possible. We encourage the support of HB 2389.

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer our thoughts on this matter.

Respectfully,

Keith Beatty, PE President, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers

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