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Chairman Barker and to the rest of the Kansas House Fed & State committee--

I support the changes being made to SB307, the Amusement Park Ride Act. The bill passed out of the House had positive consequences of making our commercial amusement rides safer, but unfortunately had the unintended consequences of putting a very large burden on some smaller operations, some of which are in my community. I regret I cannot be there in person to testify today.

I write to the committee requesting two amendments to SB307; I have a mirror bill submitted that was intended to make similar changes. The first is regarding inflatable rides and the other is with regard to antique rides, my focus being on carousel rides made by Kansas' own CW Parker in Abilene and Leavenworth.

- 1) In SB307 as it stands after passage from the Senate, allows for a different inspection process for inflatables that are temporarily erected. This makes sense because key inspection points are vastly different than those required for mechanical rides, especially commercial ones. Safety at bounce house are largely dependent on usage, electrical precautions and proper securing when outdoors. One of my constituents has a permanent inflatable location and I argue that they are even more safe and conscientious about their equipment than a temporary installation. Therefore, I think that we shouldn't just apply the different inspection process for temporary locations but for permanent ones as well. Therefore, I'd ask the committee to amend the bill as such: take out the wording "...that are rented on a regular basis and erected at temporary locations..." from **page 5 line 37-38** of the amended bill, with regard to inspecting inflatable devices.
- 2) My second request is with regard to antique rides, specifically those built by CW Parker here in the great state of Kansas either in Abilene or Leavenworth. Both those towns have non-profit museums that operate a CW Parker carousel, 2 of only 16 left in the world. While my initial intent was to outright exclude these rides from the bill, I realize that it would be better to include them but with similar requirements as the bill's defined 'home owned' ride. Therefore, I'd ask the committee to amend SB 307 by **adding "antique ride"** every place in the bill where there is a reference to home owned rides. Certification and registration of the owner would be a one-time transaction and the inspection would be once every 2 years, with the 'Service Proven' provision applying.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I have prepared the amendments for your consideration.

Rep Jeff Pittman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Pittman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.