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*SB 307- Kansas Amusement Ride Act –
Concerning home owned amusement rides and agritourism activities*

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you today to address SB 307. I appear on behalf of the statewide members of The Kansas Recreation and Park Association (KRPA). They are a non-profit professional organization representing municipal parks, and recreation Kansas.

The Association and its members' have a positive impact and contribute to communities around the state of Kansas to improve their business, health, economic and local community environments.

KRPA supports SB 307 and its legislative intent of safety and protection of the public. We are asking you to consider an exemption for community-based water slides from the definition of water slides in the legislation.

We believe legislative intent is directed at amusement parks and not community based pools and facilities. As such, in reviewing this legislation and the issue of compliance it is the consensus of our membership that community-based water slides should be exempt from the waterslide definition in this bill. Exempting all pools and slides does not violate the spirit and legislative intent of safety in SB 307.

Local slides that are purchased from a manufacturer must pass the guidelines set out by the American Society of Testing and Materials. We believe that these slides already meet the safety standards required for ensuring the safety of its user. Therefore we request the bill to be modified as follows:

Add

Page 6, Line 1 -...*community-based water slides are exempt from this definition.*

Given our belief that there are distinctions between local activities and amusement parks, it is our request that the committee take the time to review the other definitions in this bill to consider whether or not the requirements are applicable to local recreational activities.

We appreciate the consideration given to this request and stand ready to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
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