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In support of HB2528.

I am proposing the Kansas House of Representatives exempt non-profits from the Kansas Amusement Ride Act.

The Kansas Amusement Ride Act has stripped churches like ours of the availability to provide safe and enjoyable community activities. Treating these inflatables the same as for-profits limits our options in rural Kansas. Treating non-profits in this way takes a blow to our already stretched resources and budgets. Training that has been required and the certifications are limited to the large city's and are almost non-existent in this part of Kansas.

Due to the increased strain of time, finances, availability, and self-policing we have had to shut down this ministry of inflatable use to our community. This means we cannot be a blessing to the area schools on field days. This means that we cannot provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable environment on Halloween for our community as in years past. Though we have long sought to give proper training and safely run these inflatables; meeting the requirements of Kansas Amusement Ride Act is beyond our reach.

Thank you for your time.

Gratefully,

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