

February 10, 2016

~~State Representative~~

I attended the hearing on HB 4795 in Room 307 of the Anderson House Office Building today at noon. I was not permitted to speak. It was the first time I had attended a hearing, and I was quite appalled by the obviously unfair manner in which the chair chose who would get to present testimony. I would like my comments against the bill to be considered:

Comments on HB4795

I strongly oppose House Bill 4795 for the following reasons:

1. It is NOT necessary. Public Act 319 which this bill amends, has been the law of this state since 1990. Why, after 26 years, is HB4795 needed? There has been no information put forth that there were gross violations of PA319. HB 4795 is a solution to a problem which does not exist.
2. HB4795 threatens LOCAL CONTROL and LOCAL FINANCES. Frivolous lawsuits could be filed—including by out-of-state groups—and local units of government would be forced to pay for legal representation.
3. It is highly ironic that legislators who claim to be eliminating “outdated and unnecessary statutes” on the one hand are trying to pass other unnecessary statutes on the other.

Thank you,

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