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Chairman Sean Tarwater

Chair, House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

RE: HB2338

Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for allowing me to appear in strong support of HB 2338.

The world of body art is filled with specialized, licensed, and talented artists from all over the United States. These talented individuals often come together and are hosted by charitable events or conventions. These events bring an increase in traffic for local businesses in and around the convention, providing a chance to reach new customers and drive sales.

Two years ago, I brought a bill, HB2125, to you which was enacted into law to provide the necessary guest permits required for out of state body art providers to attend and practice at these events. Unfortunately, there have been problems with the implementation of this law as written, because it did not make sufficient distinction between the permitting of guest artists and the permitting of temporary body art convention sites.

This bill fixes the problem so communities and local providers can finally take advantage of the incredible opportunity that hosting talented individuals from out of state at conventions can provide.

Sincerely,

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