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Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, my name is Grant Miller and I am the owner of Sun Your Buns Luxury Sun Centers. I have five store locations in Erie, Pennsylvania and I am very proud to be involved in the sun industry. I have been a business owner for over 24 years and currently employ 23 employees with a payroll exceeding \$330,000.00 annually. I am very proud to be a business owner, job creator and lifelong resident of this great Commonwealth.

As you consider this proposed ban on indoor tanning for teens, I am going to tell you some things that should convince you this ban is unnecessary, unwarranted and bound to be extremely unpopular with the majority of your constituents.

Most of my fellow professional indoor sun center owners are typically small businesses with one major exception; there are many more women in our industry than you see in other industries. In fact, the majority of our owners are women, the majority of our employees are women and the majority of our clients are women.

The small business owners who make their living in the indoor tanning industry are truly living the American dream. Like entrepreneurs in other industries, they've risked everything, taken second mortgages on their homes, depleted their savings and cashed in their retirement in pursuit of a dream to create a better life for their families.

They are also committed to providing a safe environment to all of their clients and would not be involved in this industry if we thought for a second that we were harming anyone.

I am here to assure this committee today that Pennsylvania indoor tanning facilities are already subject to the *Code of Federal Regulations Title 21, Section 2140.20*; the federal regulation issued by the Food and Drug Administration governing sunbeds and sunlamps. These regulations require visible warning signs, use of eyewear, maximum timer intervals specified by regulation and instructions to users to avoid or minimize injury. There are also strict limits on the ultraviolet output of the equipment.

Regarding our teenaged clients, it is standard operating procedure at my sun centers and most others in the state, to obtain signed parental consent for anyone under the age of 18. I have attached a copy of my Client Release & Informed Consent Form for your review.

Not only would you be taking away an important right to let a parent make an informed choice regarding their child, you would actually be harming that child in the long term.

In my beautiful hometown of Erie, we have one of the most beloved assets of the entire Commonwealth, Presque Isle State Park. 13 miles of sandy beaches and home to boating, swimming and all kinds of summer recreation. Presque Isle hosts nearly 4 million visitors a year, more so than either Yellowstone or Yosemite National Parks.

If you are seriously considering this needless ban on teen tanning, you might as well padlock Presque Isle State Park and turn away the 4 million family visitors who drive from all over to enjoy its outdoor sunshine activities.

The decision of whether a minor can suntan should remain firmly with the parent.

Please oppose this unwarranted legislation.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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Attachments: Client Consent Form, Skin Type Analysis Form, Economic & Biological Impact of Indoor Tanning Report