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Delegate Luke Clippinger  
Chair, House Judiciary Committee  
Room 101 House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Opposition to SB-0452 – Prohibited Liability Agreements for Recreational Facilities

Dear Chairman Clippinger,

On behalf of Crabby Axe Throwing and all recreational facilities in Maryland, I am writing to urge you to kill SB452.

Crabby Axe is a small family-owned business that may be forced to close its doors should this bill pass. Even if our insurance company chooses not to drop us, our premiums will likely be too expensive to pass on to the consumer.

Consumers have come to expect to sign a waiver when participating in an activity that comes with an inherent risk. Furthermore, current laws do not exclusively protect the business from negligence as plenty of cases have been brought against businesses who have neglected their equipment or an employee error caused the consumer to suffer a loss. This bill seeks to destroy businesses and potentially overwhelm the court system with frivolous lawsuits as well as put yet another financial burden on the consumer who will ultimately be paying for the massive insurance increases.

Not only will this bill drive these industries out of Maryland and to the surrounding states but the A&A tax that many of these businesses collect would no longer be available for the services they provide to the citizens of the state.

It is imperative that recreational activities have waivers to protect themselves to provide these services. I strongly urge you to vote no to SB452 and help small businesses continue to prosper in Maryland.

Sincerely,

Tricia Miller  
Owner  
Crabby Axe Throwing, LLC