

PHANTOM FIREWORKS

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Good morning Chairmen Moul and Pashinski, and Chairs Vogel and Schwank and members of the committees. I am Danial Peart, Director of Government Affairs for Phantom Fireworks, here today on behalf of the Pennsylvania Pyrotechnic Association. Phantom has operated in the Commonwealth for more than 25 years and currently has 13 retail showrooms across the state employing hundreds of Pennsylvanians each year. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today.

The Pennsylvania Pyrotechnic Association, as well as Phantom Fireworks, was part of the conversation when the law changed in 2017, and we are appreciative to be involved again today. Since then, no shortage of bills seeking to amend or repeal the fireworks law have been introduced, some even garnering support from the fireworks industry. Other bills have looked to codify local control over fireworks use, an ability that's been proven to exist already. Just last month in Lancaster County, the Manheim Township Board of Commissioners passed an ordinance providing for date and time limitations on the use of consumer fireworks. Dozens of other municipalities have already done the same. We've always viewed the fireworks law as a state law that allows for local adaptation, and which is typically a recipe for success.

It seems clear that more guidance from the state is wanted, however we continue to believe that the enforcement of fireworks use remains a local issue. With the state providing some additional framework of regulation, local government should have everything at their disposal to form their position on the use of consumer fireworks. As with most legislative issues, no one gets everything they want, but hopefully enough to do their jobs adequately. Our goal is simple, we want to continue to expand and operate legally and safely in the Commonwealth for another 25 years.

Thank you for your time, and I am happy to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

Danial Peart