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Good morning Chairmen Meyer and Roy, Ranking Members Roraback and Chapin, and members of the Environment Committee. I am Representative Al Adinolfi and I would like to thank this committee for letting me present my testimony in support of Senate Bill 85, AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS AT CERTAIN STATE PARKS.

The goal of this bill is to clarify the twenty one days in and five days out rule for camping at shore parks. I would like to speak shortly about my original request for this legislation. The state loses a bundle of money for not adhering to the program that was in place for over 20 years. The program that has existed for so many years worked well and was fair to every camper. A few families, less than 25, took advantage of the rule by using different names and identification. This forced the implementation of an old law on the books that limited campers to only three weeks even if there was space available. Why penalize thousands of campers for the few violators of the rules implemented by the camp director. I strongly recommend that we continue to adhere to the rule that has been in place for many years, twenty one days in and five days out.

Once again I would like to say thank you to the committee members for allowing me to testify on Senate Bill 85. I will make myself available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Rep. Al Adinolfi