

Mr. or Madam Chairman, and members of the committee, my name is Joy Ankenbauer. I am from the Kenmare/Bowbells area of the state, and I am here to represent our local non-profit thrift store, the Kenmare Closet.

The Kenmare Closet is a board run, non-profit that is in our fourth year of business. All of our merchandise is donated, we are mostly volunteer run, and we donate a large portion of our profits back into the community. Clothing was about 55% of our sales during the last fiscal year.

We are in support of this bill, and would recommend a DO PASS on House Bill 1428. Everyone is welcome to shop at the Kenmare Closet, and people of all different economic statuses frequent the store. However, a sizable portion of our shoppers frequent the store simply because of the affordability. This bill would make the Kenmare Closet's clothing even more affordable for everyone, especially those who really need to pinch pennies.

Thank you for considering this bill.