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Good day, Chairman Lefor and members of the House IB & L Committee. For the record, my name is Carel Two-Eagle. I am the CVO – the Chief Visionary Officer – of Indian Maid Products Incorporated, and I am speaking today in favor of House Bill 1299.

Twenty years ago, I founded Indian Maid Products Incorporated, mainly to support the 501c3 170c2 I also head, since I do not beg well. I have been in business for most of my life. Business is, for the most part, fun. I get paid to play! We (Indian Maid) do at least 95% of our business online, but I like HB 1299, just the same. I believe it is needed, because while federal law says its currency is legal tender and businesses must accept it, there appear to be no teeth in the federal law. That then puts the burden of requirement for a stable currency supply on the states.

Over the years, I have interacted with several businesses that refused to accept cash for a variety of excuses, despite federal law stating they must. Since the covid situation began, I have come in contact with more of them. They want their customers to pay only with credit or debit cards. I find this insulting to the concept of a stable national currency as well as to the individual, as if we all were carriers of the covid virus or other diseases.

Cash transactions are preferable in many situations to debit or credit cards, such as very small dollar amount sales. Cash transactions have the advantage of insuring that our young people actually know how to count and how to make change. Cash is completely insulated from hackers. We know that isn't true for electronic transactions. I'm sure others will bring other considerations before you.

It is my strong hope you will give HB 1299 a unanimous DO Pass recommendation, and that the House and later, the Senate, will concur.

Thank you for hearing me in a good way now. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.