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State Industry & Business Committee

Good morning Chairman Barta and members of the Committee

My name is Tom Schimelfening I have been in the excavation business for 47 years. The locate process for utilities has changed a lot since I started. I use to have to call every utility company individually for a locate. Now I only make one call. A huge improvement. But there still is challenges to the system and everyone is working through it. I am in favor of this Bill 1153. My definition of Dept and type of excavation is different from the next person. It is always good to clarify things. I became a part of the Coalition Group assembled by Utility, contractor on this issue. Education is big part of this is not only how to do it, but also how the law is written. Howard ~~Crook~~ Crookford from the R.S.C. and Ryan Schmalz have been very helpful in this area. Thank you for time. and I will stand for any questions.

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