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In Support of

## **LD 139 An Act to Increase the Liability of Parents and Legal Guardians for Damage by Children**

Good Afternoon Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Representative Shelley Rudnicki from Fairfield. I represent House District #67, the towns of Fairfield and Benton. I am here today to introduce **LD 139 An Act to Increase the Liability of Parents and Legal Guardians for Damage by Children.**

I am going to keep my testimony simple. The amount that a person can recover for damages caused by a juvenile has not been updated since 1995.

The only thing this bill will do is increase the amount that can recovered for damages to property or injury to a person from \$800 to \$6,000.

This bill amends the current law setting the maximum amount of damages for which the parents or legal guardians of a minor who is 7 years of age or older and under 18 years of age may be liable. The liability in damages is for willful or malicious acts by that minor. If the actions cause damage to property or injury to a person the maximum, possible amount of damages changes from \$800 to \$6,000.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Shelley Rudnicki  
State Representative