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*Testimony of Rep. Bruce White introducing*

## **LD 2191, An Act to Provide Relief to Small Business Affected by Severe Weather-related Events**

*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business*

Senator Curry, Representative Roberts, and honorable members of the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, my name is Bruce White. I represent House District 65, part of Waterville. I am here to speak in support of **LD 2191, An Act to Provide Relief to Small Businesses Affected by Severe Weather-related Events** as sponsored by Sen. Hickman.

Shortly after the recent storms back in December I reached out to some of the local businesses in Waterville, to find out how they were impacted. I heard how many lost thousands of dollars in products as well as lost income due to not being able to open for several days while they either waited for power or for supplies to be replenished.

I fully support LD 2191, which will provide emergency funding to the businesses most impacted by the major storm events. Our work in the IDEA committee has shown time and time again how vital small businesses are not only for economic mobility but for community spirit as well. The severe weather patterns our state is experiencing are increasing; in turn, we must bolster our funding for small businesses that support our local economies so that they, too, can weather the storm.

Sincerely,

Representative Bruce White

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce White".

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