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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE LCI BUSINESS AND COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE: H.3529
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Hello, I am Lynn Teague and I am here today on behalf of the League of Women Voters of South Carolina. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak to you.

We wish to address H.3529 in the context of home rule. We recognize that the relationship between state and local governments in South Carolina is complex. However, the underlying principle should be one of recognizing the right of our citizens to regulate through their local governments those activities that significantly affect their lives and wellbeing so long as there is no compelling reason to require statewide consistency. This is such an issue. What is potentially very damaging to tourism and fisheries on the coast may not represent the same threat in Holly Hill or Pumpkintown, still less in an inland town dependent on the container industry.

Officials of our state often lament what they call the “one size fits all” approach of the federal government. This bill is a “one size fits all” approach at the state level. The League of Women Voters asks you to consider the needs and wishes of all of our citizens by rejecting this bill that would override the ability of local governments to respond to the needs and wishes of their citizens.

Thank you.