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Testimony of Arthur Towers

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**Regarding HB 2950**

Before the House Committee on the Judiciary

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Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Wallan and Andersen, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding HB 2950.

We appreciate the work of the group that has brought this bill forward. We understand that this is a work in progress and that there is likely to be a workgroup on the issue.

We wanted to register our concern that were the bill to move forward, that the adoption of the -1 amendments would be vitally important. The timelines of the introduced version of the bill create a problem in a narrow set of instances:

A person causes a car crash that injures other people. The at-fault person dies in the crash. The timelines for victims of the car crash to sue the estate of the at-fault person, and then actually be able to be compensated out of the estate, would be misaligned without the amendment.

We simply wanted to put on the record that we would oppose the introduced bill and would be neutral if the -1s were to be adopted.