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August 27, 2008

To: Senate Commerce, Utilities, and Rail Committee
Senator Plale, Chairman
From: Trisha Pugal, CAE
President, CEO
RE: Comm 2 Commerce Proposed Fee Increases (CR 08-039)

The Wisconsin Innkeepers Association, representing over 1,000 lodging properties throughout the state, respectfully asks this Committee to review the proposed Fee increases for Public Swimming Pools, Water Attractions and Associated Slides and pursue a reduction to a more reasonable level of increase.

While the WIA is well aware of the state requirement to support programs with program fees, and the fact that fees have not increased since 2000, we do feel that a 100% increase in all related fees is excessive, especially in light of the other proposed fee increases that average in the range of 25 - 30%.

Dept. of Commerce \$5/hr
In the "Analysis of Proposed Rules" it is stated that most fees are based on a rate of \$80 per hour (page 2), with exceptions noted for other programs. As this is most likely not an actual hourly wage, this must include at least some overhead administrative expenses. Using this figure, examples from the new fees noted in Table 2.68-1 would allow for the following time:

- Public Swimming Pool (gutter type) = 22.5 hours
- Water Attraction = 22.5 hours
- Public Whirlpool = 18.75 hours

This is a considerable amount of time allocated for Plan Review and Inspection, assuming again that most overhead is figured into the \$80/hour.

Our industry, which oversees a considerable amount of public pools and water attractions, believes in paying our way for important services protecting current and future guests. However, it is equally important that we are not responsible for paying for services for other programs or overhead not directly related to the safety of our guests.

If there is specific documentation detailing a direct justification of the proposed costs, we would appreciate reviewing this, as we have not seen such details to date. If there is not, we respectfully request a more reasonable increase in fees for Swimming Pools, Water Attractions, and Associated Slides.

Thank-you.

CC: WIA Executive Committee





PAT STRACHOTA

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

August 28, 2008

Aaron Olver
Deputy Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Commerce
201 West Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53701

Dear Deputy Secretary Olver,

As Chair of the Assembly Jobs and the Economy Committee, I am writing to request a meeting with the appropriate staff from the Department of Commerce to discuss Clearinghouse Rule, 08-039, relating to program revenue fees and affecting small businesses.

The Assembly Jobs and the Economy Committee's current review period ends September 5, 2008. Under s. 227.19(4)(b)1.a, stats, this request extends the Committee's period of jurisdiction over the rule to October 5, 2008.

Please have your staff contact my committee clerk, Sara Buschman, at 264-8486 to arrange this meeting. I am amenable to meeting with the Department concurrently with your meeting with Senator Plale if that is convenient for all parties.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Strachota".

Pat Strachota
State Representative
58th Assembly District

PS:slb

cc: Patrick Fuller, Assembly Chief Clerk
✓ Senator Jeff Plale, Chair Senate Commerce, Utilities, and Rail Committee
Assembly Jobs and the Economy Committee members
Mary Matthias, Legislative Council
Kathy Kilgore, WI Innkeepers Association