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March 3, 2009 – 10:30 am State Capitol Conference Room 312 FAX 586-6271

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## I urge you to pass HB 1141.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Randy Mills

The Variety Pack, LLC



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