Testimony Submitted at hearing 2-11-2015

To Whom it May Concern,

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I wanted to briefly send a letter/email to inform the community of Springfield and Lane County of the benefits Along Came Trudy provides.

For the past two years, Along Came Trudy has provided services to our non-profit organization, Total Release Basketball. TRBO provides basketball opportunities and forms teams at Springfield area schools. We raise funds for families who have financial difficulties and limitations so their son or daughter can participate in sports. We have held an annual auction and dinner at Along Came Trudy to help raise these scholarship funds.

Each year Along Came Trudy provides the venue for FREE, donates her venue as an auction item, provides dinner at less than cost for the event and donates the staff to help run the event. This helps significantly in our fundraising efforts! Along Came Trudy has made it possible for the money raised to go directly to the kids of Springfield, rather than to overhead and expenses. We thank Along Came Trudy for their generosity and willingness to give back to the community. We desire for the City of Springfield to recognize the positive contribution this venue provides our community.

Sincerely, Michelle Larsen

President Total Release Basketball Organization