

House Commerce Committee

Kansas Legislature

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Re: Oppose Uncork Legislation

My name is Dan Godek and I own Harvest Market and Harvest Spirit in Grainfield, KS. I operate a small town grocery store and adjacent liquor store. Attached are photos of these two businesses both inside and out.

Several years ago when "Uncork Kansas" was still in its infancy stage I polled my grocery store customers asking their thoughts on liquor in grocery stores. Overwhelmingly they voiced their distaste for the idea. One mother in particular said she did not want to wait in line at the grocery store with her kids while standing next to a guy buying a bottle of vodka.

This is not a family friendly idea, not in the least. It became apparent that Uncork Kansas would not be an option for me in relation to adding liquor at my location. So two years ago I added on 1100 square feet with separate entrances and a solid window to my office and named it Harvest Spirit.

Not only has Harvest Spirit been successful, it has brought new customers to Harvest Market and eased the burden of utility expenses by splitting them between the two businesses. My customers are happy and I am happy!

I grew up in Omaha, Nebraska. When I go back to visit, it is a shame to see that none of the niche liquor businesses that were there when I was young have survived. Kansas is a great place to own a small business and I hope it stays that way.

You are welcome to share my story and my images as you see fit. Call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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