

House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee Written Testimony

To Whom it May Concern:

Small businesses are an important part of Coffeyville, Kansas. Many people that volunteer time and money (two precious resources in the current economic times) are proprietor's of their own businesses. They employ our friends and neighbors and seek out products and services from other small businesses such as mine. In short they drive the economy of Kansas.

An economy that will be negatively affected by granting large corporations increased access to the Alcoholic Beverage segment. Loss of full and part time jobs and much needed wages to families would move to profits exiting the state to Shareholders across the nation. Would one more stock boy be hired? Probably not. When we have cashiers already there would another one be hired? Probably not. Is loss of profits due to decreased sales going to cause responsible Kansas business owners to cut expenses?

What are the positive aspects of this legislation? Would we have an increase in Alcoholic Beverage Sales Tax? We might, but why? Are we assuming more individuals would buy these products if they are more convenient for them? Are we increasing sales by creating easier access? I hope that is not the intension of the legislation before you.

In addition to concern for these store owners I am also concerned with the loss of business to my accounting firm. Speaking from a personal view I know where the dollars spent go. They go to wages to other Kansas residents, local businesses that produce and consume goods in our state and local charities that help local people.

I encourage you continue to support the local economy of Kansans responsibly and vote NO to allowing non local corporations increased access to the Alcoholic Beverage market.

Sincerely,

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