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Senate Bill # 253
Proponent

Ryan Bissett
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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee:

I write today in support of Senate Bill # 253, legislation authorizing the delivery of cereal malt beverages and beer in Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views.

Amazon's investment in Kansas represents more than \$4 billion since 2011, creating more than 8,000 full-time jobs for Kansans. Presently, Whole Foods Market conducts business at three locations in Kansas. These sites operate as full-service grocery stores, holding licenses as cereal malt beverage retailers, and offering beer products for off-premises consumption, including cereal malt beverages and beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by volume.

We encourage the committee to approve Senate Bill 253, legislation authorizing the sale and delivery of cereal malt beverages and beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by CMB retailers and licensed third-party delivery companies. We commit to working with this committee to ensure that any regulatory framework authorizing beer delivery establishes a three-tier compliant model predicated upon the safe and responsible sale and delivery of beer in the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Bissett", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ryan Bissett