



INDEPENDENT ENERGY & CONVENIENCE

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SB 253

Written Proponent

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Chairman Thompson and members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

My name is Kevin Gregg and I am the Associate Executive Director of Fuel True Independent Energy and Convenience, formally known as the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas (PMCA of Kansas). We are a statewide trade association representing over 300 independent Kansas energy distribution companies and convenience store retailers throughout Kansas.

Chairman Thompson and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 253.

SB 253 would authorize the delivery of alcohol by retailers in much the same way grocery delivery is accomplished today. Many of our members operate convenience stores in small towns throughout Kansas. Often these businesses serve as the grocery stores in their community. During COVID, retailers hit fast forward on the implementation and adoption of grocery delivery. This bill would simply enable consumers to add another item from the store shelves to their delivery order.

Significant cooperation with the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) of Kansas ensures that this bill is in compliance with existing laws and prevents delivery drivers from dispensing alcohol to consumers who fail to meet the requirements listed in the bill. Concerns with underage purchases, providing alcohol to a visibly intoxicated person or delivering beverages to schools, churches or daycares are all specifically addressed and prohibited.

As retailers, grocery delivery has provided a convenient alternative to an in-store shopping trip to our customers' already busy lives. Allowing us to add another item from our shelves to a customer's order seems like a logical extension of that service.

We ask the committee to support SB 253.

Thank You.