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Proponent

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Amazon, Public Policy, Senior Manager

Dear 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 \$6.2 billion since 2010, creating more than 8,500 full- and part-time jobs in Kansas. 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 and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control 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.