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Dear Mr Chairman, Members of the committee,

3/2/13

**I urge you to oppose and vote No on HB 2206, in any way shape or form.**

Here are some reasons why it is not a good idea to deregulate the sale of alcohol and change the laws we now have:

- ⑩ Licenses put "Teeth" into the law. The state can punish me or pull my license any time. With a corporation, the state won't be able to do either to them.
- ⑩ There are 350 types of businesses in Kansas that you need a license to operate. Why would we deregulate any of them, let alone alcohol which is a drug.
- ⑩ Our vendor list grew to 552 over 15 years in business. 214 of them are local and most are current, 124 of them have been local contract labor.
- ⑩ Our 10 employees are local, pay taxes here and vote. They could not come to Topeka with me as they are in school or working.
- ⑩ The list of local charities we donate to is upwards of 30.
- ⑩ My loans are with local banks and my lease is held locally.

It is your job to take the time to listen to proponents of this bill as well. They say they need liquor.

- ⑩ To them it will be another "category"....to me it is my livelihood!
- ⑩ They say they will build more in Kansas if they "can change our liquor laws"....but big business usually builds only if there are enough "rooftops and dollars" in a community. Not having liquor will not impact their bottom line.
- ⑩ They say "the customer wants it". I agree but I'm sure there are plenty of other laws you could change to make it more "convenient" for the public.

Any business could get a liquor license now, legally and operate within the frame work of our laws. I would entertain the competition on that basis, gladly. If they want to know more, please provide them with my name and number to arrange a consultation with me.

If you vote No, nothing will change and we continue providing for our families. If you vote Yes, then there is a great chance that 50% of my employees will be affected by your vote.

Regards,

Dave Dvorak, Owner