

**Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Hearing on Senate Bill 433
Testimony Presented in Support
By John B. Dicus, Investor**

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Representative Chairman Estes and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Senate Bill 433. My name is John B. Dicus, an investor in The Brew Bank through the Top Tank contest. Top Tank was a contest to award \$100,000 to the winner to open a new business in Downtown Topeka. The Brew Bank was selected from 59 entries by the six investors who made up Top Tank. The final 10 contestants submitted detailed business plans that included strategy, financial projections and architectural drawings of their proposed site.

The Brew Bank in their detailed business plan envisions a drinking establishment that serves beer and wine through self-serving taps. The self-serve taps will be monitored by the Operators for consumption levels and minors through pre-loaded cards that are required to operate the taps. An Operator will only be able to load up to a set number of ounces before a customer has to interact with the Operator again. Under current Kansas law, self-serving taps are allowed for wine but not beer. Senate Bill 433 would allow for the addition of beer to be served through self-serve taps.

Small entrepreneurial businesses, like this one, are the backbone of the Kansas economy. The Top Tank investors have used private dollars to help a new business get started. We need your help to move forward with this economic development effort. Not only is this legislation important for this specific new business but it also advances Topeka's efforts to revitalization our downtown.

I urge you to support the passage of Senate Bill 433.

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