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Kansas Special Committee on Economic Recovery
Kansas Statehouse Rm 112
Testimony

Chairman Lynn and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Mike Logan (Lawrence, KS) and I am the owner & operator of several hospitality businesses in Douglas County Including:

- Landmark music venues - *The Bottleneck & The Granada*,
- Private Events Facility - *Abe & Jake's Landing*,
- Restaurant/Bar/Venue - *Lucia Beer Garden*,
- Neighborhood Pub - *Rick's Place*

My company also works as a producer of several Large-Scale Outdoor community events that attract visitors to our area (i.e. *the KS Food Truck Festival, Live on Mass, Go Fourth - 4th of July celebration and Fireworks*)

I have been honored to have served, or are currently serving on the governing Board of Directors of;

- Explore Lawrence (Tourism Bureau)
- Downtown Lawrence, Inc. (Downtown Development/Marketing Corp)
- Just Food. (Food Bank. - Douglas County)
- Lawrence Area Chamber of Commerce
- Kansas Licensed Beverage Association (KLBA), Retailer of the Year

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you and share the effects of Covid-19's effect on my businesses and the hospitality and events industry. I would also like to highlight my experience to date with inconsistencies in planning and share recommendations with the committee. I need to acknowledge and thank the ABC and other state/local agencies for their help and flexibility in this crisis. I understand your time limitations and will be brief.

It is important to understand that we all want a safe place, a health community and a priority for our customers, employees, and citizens. That is our number one priority! Beyond that, below are a list of some concerns and issues. This is certainly not all but hopefully will help illustrate the situations we in the hospitality world are coping with daily. It changes often, sometimes hourly, as we learn more and new requirements are enacted. I do applaud those hard working people and agencies that are in this fight with us and especially appreciate flexible and helpful efforts.

- A comprehensive testing plan that reflects not only the positive rates of those exposed or with symptoms, but the entire population.
- A matrix of what health orders are generally based on and what numbers are we shooting for where we can expect changed restrictions
- List of safe, required behaviors for all citizens, linked to activity if differing
- A standard for outside entertainment venues, and inside venues
- An easier enforcement tool for individuals acting unsafely and violating County Health orders.
- A set of air circulation/sanitation standards that is safe we could enact to be operating/open in compliance
- A way to help private property functions not endanger the community's health and our ability to be open.

We have learned to be creative. It would be helpful to have a set of rules of behavior for all businesses and citizens to follow. Then we can determine how to make our business plan compliant with those rules, or if unable to, then to close. Closing a whole class of businesses is unfair and counterproductive. It misses unsafe behaviors at other types of places and punishes those who can and do use safe practices. It has proved evident that by closing regulated businesses we drive those activities to private locations, underground with no supervision or safe practices. Encouraging places where it is much harder to enforce safe behaviors.

These are just a few. I am happy to discuss these and others at your convenience

Thank you.

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