

Written Letter of Opposition

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House Commerce Committee
Kansas Statehouse
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Legislators,

My name is Claudia Peebler. I live at 1024 Timberleaf in Derby, KS.
I am writing to urge you to vote against HB 2200.

My opposition to this piece of legislation is neither religious nor moral. I object based on the economic impact that will result from passage of this bill and what a survey of citizens shows to be the will of a large majority of Kansans.

Allow me to address each of the above points separately.

Economic impact: Who stands to gain from the passage of this bill? Large corporations with out-of-state headquarters, which equals dollars leaving the State. We cannot afford to have more money escaping our economy. Who stands to lose? Small business owners, the same segment of our economy you and Governor Brownback sought to aid and attract with the tax bill now in effect. Voting for this bill will be contributing to the demise of the very businesses you previously proposed to support and attract. Other losers include employees of small businesses. Large corporations will have no need to hire more staff to handle an added product. So as small locally owned businesses close folks will find themselves unemployed. Last I heard we needed to create jobs not eliminate them.

The will of the people: According to a 2013 survey conducted by Public Opinion Strategies of Alexandria, VA, a large majority of Kansans surveyed said they do not wish to see a change in the way liquor sales are handled in our state. The results were similar regardless of political affiliation, age or gender.

I wish to make it clear that I am no Carry Nation. I enjoy wine and cocktails and frankly would like the convenience of purchasing liquor in the grocery store. But, I am more interested in the greater good. I am not willing to indulge my desire for a slightly added convenience at the expense of fellow citizens' businesses and employment.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter. I will be watching for your "no" vote.

Sincerely,
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