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Dear Chairman Hutton and Committee Members,

My name is Stacey Harlow and I own Twisted H Liquor in Hugoton and I am also president of the Kansas Association of Beverage Retailers (KABR). I have been in the liquor business since 2006. My first store was a partnership in Satanta. Seeing a better opportunity I sold my half and purchased my own adventure in 2011. I employ two full time and 5 part time employees. I try to do as much business with my local, small businesses just like me. My loan for my business and also insurance are provided from locally owned companies. I support local charities and the school sports teams. Also youth in 4-H and after prom parties. I am proud to say over the years that myself and my employees have passed every controlled buy that the state has sent in to my store. I offer a \$100 bonus to the clerk that refuses the buy.

The 2015 Uncork Kansas bill is not good for Kansas. Many local, small businesses will be hurt. Again this year they talk about the convenience this bill would offer the consumer. Let me address this thought. Maybe we should start letting our 10 year old children drive themselves around, it would be so much more convenient for their parents. Allow marijuana in the state as it would be more convenient for our residents that drive to Colorado to purchase theirs. Or allow abortions, there again being convenient for those that don't want the burden of raising a child. I could continue on with a lot more ideas to make life more convenient but Kansas wasn't built on convenience it was built on morals. Please stand strong and uphold the morals of our great State! Leave the alcohol where it is, in a very controlled environment. Life isn't always about convenience, it is about what is right.

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions feel free to call,

Stacey Harlow