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House Federal & State Affairs Testimony on HB 2469- "Microbrewery Jobs Act"

Dear Chairman Pauls and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

The proposed bill to increase the microbrewery license barrelage production cap to 60,000 bbls of annual production will preserve the marketing advantages of the microbrewery license as we have grown from our founding in 2007. We need this law change to remain strong and competitive with breweries in other states and continue our pattern of revenue growth and job creation in Kansas.

I ask for your support in passing HB 2469 as quickly as possible so we may continue to grow and employ more Kansans!

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Tallgrass Brewing Company was founded by Jeff Gill in 2007 with the goal of bringing quality craft beers to the Midwest. Located near the Flint Hills in Manhattan, Kansas, Tallgrass now offers a full line of award-winning craft beers. In 2010, Tallgrass switched from bottles to 16 oz. cans, and in 2015, moved into a new 60,000-square-foot facility, establishing it as a major regional brewery. Through its Grain-to-Glass™ program, the brewery is dedicated to providing consistently remarkable beers by emphasizing quality in every aspect of production. Tallgrass fearlessly explores, creates and shares new beers with fun, positive and exciting branding.