

# *MaMa C's Grocery Store*

*Thayer, KS*

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SB 298

Dear Chairman Ostmeyer and Honorable Members of the Federal and State Affairs Committee,

My wife, son, and I are the owners/operators of MaMa C's grocery store in Thayer, Kansas. We're the only employees. I'm now in my forty-fifth year of the grocery store business having started work here in 1970 while in the eighth grade.

I can't be in Topeka today to testify, but here's what I'd tell you if I could.

This legislation matters to the small grocers. We need this bill to pass. You wouldn't believe the people who holler for 5% beer. That's what they want to buy. They don't want 3.2% beer, so down the road they drive taking their money elsewhere.

I want to compete for their business, but I don't even have a chance because the government has stuck small grocers with a product my customers don't want to buy.

The more I can stock my shelves with that people want to buy, the greater our likelihood of keeping the doors open and serving the people of Neosho County. This is a tough business, but it's made harder by onerous regulations you've allowed that don't let us compete.

Please know we fully support Uncork Kansas and are eager to see this legislation adopted.

Respectfully,

Bill, Kim, and Ben Carrico  
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