

March 31, 2015

Dear Chairman Ostmeyer and Honorable Members of the Committee,

Gooch's Foods has been our family business for 65 years. Today we work alongside each other to continue to meet the needs of the people in Tribune and Leoti - small communities far west, in case you're not familiar.

In towns of less population, everything helps. When you have a leak - in this case a product people can't buy at our store, thus sending them elsewhere to buy - it erodes the tax base of the community. In a grocery store environment, selling adult beverages is a good fit. We desperately implore you to favorably pass this legislation for the benefit of small businesses in Kansas.

Having the products in our stores that our customers want to buy is what keeps us in business. We support SB 298 and look forward to the day we can provide our customers a selection of adult beverages for purchase.

Respectfully,

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