Madam Chair Tyson and Members of the Committee:

My family owns KC WINE CO and KC PUMPKIN PATCH in Johnson County Unincorporated.

Kansas statutes and case law, KC WINE CO/KC PUMPKIN PATCH VS BOARD OF JOCO COUNT COMMISSIONERS, have consistently held wineries and agritourism are agricultural in use and purpose. Yet, JOHNSON COUNTY Appraisers changed our classification in 2022 to commercial. After review, JOCO admitted to targeting KC PUMPKIN PATCH/KC WINE CO and disciplining 6 staff as well as their supervisor.

KC PUMPKIN PATCH taxes: (see below) 2021 taxes were \$7520.79 2022 taxes were \$85,666.94

We urge you to pass HB2254 to alleviate unfair and onerous tax burden for wineries/agritourism which will ensure a uniform and equal basis of valuation of property as required by the Kansas Constitution.

Respectfully, Julie Berggren Quick Ref ID

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