

February 28, 2012

Re: Dinner Train

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce has become aware of an effort to bring a "Dinner Train" to the Ottawa and Baldwin train line. We believe this to be a great idea, which when operational will more fully utilize the wonderful train service connecting our two cities and maintained by a great group of railroad enthusiasts and volunteers. This commerce will bring tourists to visit, shop and perhaps stay a little longer in beautiful East Central Kansas.

This effort is stymied until alcohol can be sold and served on the train during meals. Our chamber of commerce fully supports the passage of HB 2689 which addresses this issue and is sponsored by Representative Gregory and Senator Holland. HB 2689 permits the use of alcohol on the train or trains. We ask the bodies of the Legislature for their support of this very important issue to pass legislation to change the law to permitting the sale and consumption of liquor to adults using this venue for entertainment and enjoyment.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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