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Chairman Brunk and Members of the Federal and State Affairs Committee
State Capitol
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Brunk:

This letter of testimony is being submitted as a proponent for HB 2689. I am the Mayor of Baldwin City, Kansas, and fully support your committee's review of HB 2689. The prospect of a dinner train relocating to our community in Eastern Kansas can provide a significant economic impact for both Douglas and Franklin counties. However, this dinner train needs to have the ability to have a liquor license in order for the venture to be economically viable.

The proposed partnership of the dinner train, along with the Midland Railroad, will attract visitors from a 150 mile radius to this area. In this economic time, where you search for ways to stimulate the economy and provide jobs, this seems like a great fit for our community.

I encourage you and your committee to support the passage of a liquor license for railcars with HB 2689.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Wagner", written over a horizontal line.

Ken Wagner,
Mayor

House Federal & State Affairs

Date: 3-05-12

Attachment # 25