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Chairman Brunk and members of the Federal and State Affairs:

I am Alan Wright of A&H Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc.

The dinner train needs a liquor license to operate in Douglas/Franklin counties. That business would help our local businesses by creating tourism in our community, encouraging more people to reside here in Baldwin City resulting in larger customer bases, more revenue and more generated sales tax for our city and the state. That business would help our community by promoting tourism benefiting our struggling restaurants with filled seats, our hotels and bed and breakfasts with filled rooms and our small retail business with more sales also giving our city more sales tax to help improve and promote it. The closest depot that offers such an experience is in Abilene. KS or in Columbia. MO. Both are two hours away making it probable that a dinner train would be successful in our community and I personally would enjoy supporting such a unique business.

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

Sincerely,

Alan Wright

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