Subject: Vote no on SB 379

I am emailing to express my strong opposition to SB 379.

This bill would allow Kansas wineries to label their wines as "Made in Kansas" even if they use grapes grown elsewhere.

It would harm Kansas businesses and Kansas agriculture at the expense of out of state suppliers.

Kansas grows grapes and produces wines that are second to none. Why would we allow a producer to import grapes from Missouri and call it Kansas wine? Don't tell this Kansan that Missouri can do anything better than us on the basketball court or in the field.

The purpose of the legislature is to support Kansans and Kansas products, not to allow a few big out of state producers to make a pile of money in cahoots with a few carpetbaggers.

Kansas farm wineries inject millions of dollars into the state economy. Why put Kansas farms and businesses at risk?

It has taken years to bring Kansas wines up to world class status. This bill would lower the reputation of Kansas wine to cheap swill in a brown paper bag.

I hope this matter does not come up for a hearing, but if it does, I want to be informed so I can testify in opposition.

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