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Testimony on HB 2503  
Senate Agriculture Committee

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee

We support HB 2503 and urge you to pass this measure. We believe in the Secretary's Grape and Wine Industry Advisory Council and believe the changes in this measure generally continue to elevate and promote Kansas as a wine state.

We are however concerned with the sunset clause. We support efforts to make the council self-supporting but believe that goal can be reached while still benefitting from the direction and guidance of the Secretary and the Department of Agriculture. Such guidance also prevents inter-industry competition for control and authority. Therefore we ask that the sunset clause be amended.

Thank you for your time and service,

Philip Bradley  
*Representing the  
Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Association*

**KVFWA -- Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Association:**

We began our journey in 2004. Our mission is the promotion of the production of wine from Kansas grapes, the science and practice of viticulture in the State of Kansas, and the development of Kansas Farm Wineries. We include farm wineries (such as Davenport, Blue Jacket, Holy-Field, Stone Pillar and White Tail Run) and numerous growers of fine Kansas grapes.