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Testimony Re: SB 277
Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
Presented by Ronald R. Hein
on behalf of
Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association
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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Ron Hein, and I am legislative counsel for the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association (KRHA). The Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, founded in 1929, is the leading business association for restaurants, hotels, motels, country clubs, private clubs and allied business in Kansas. Along with the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association Education Foundation, the association works to represent, educate and promote the rapidly growing industry of hospitality in Kansas.

KRHA supports SB 277, creating the class of "microdistillery" in the Kansas Liquor Control Act. Our support is based upon the concept that authorized the licensure of micro-breweries. This bill would also allow sampling, in the same manner as is provided within SB 269, which, again, restaurants with drinking establishment licenses would wish to pursue as well.

Thank you very much for permitting me to submit this written testimony.