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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Steve Brunk, Chairman, House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

FROM: Dean Reynoldson, Director of Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control

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SUBJECT: House Bill 2332

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Thank you for allowing us to testify about this bill.

We do not have a problem with the concept of allowing a microbrewery to produce hard cider or mead. It would, however, come with additional burdens for all microbreweries:

1. Require microbreweries to obtain a federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) license as a wine manufacturer. Because the production of hard cider and mead would become a right of microbreweries, this requirement to obtain a TTB wine manufacturer license would be placed on all microbreweries – even those not wishing to produce such products.
2. Require microbreweries to qualify with TTB for alternating premise in order to produce beer and cider/mead on the same premises. TTB does not allow a brewery to manufacture wine on the same premise unless they qualify for an alternating premise under 27 CFR 24.135 - 24.137 and 25.81. Since the bill would add manufacturing mead and hard cider as right of the license, all microbreweries would be required to obtain this additional license.

Thank you Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.