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House Federal & State Affairs Committee Testimony on **HB 2467**

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Committee,

I am Philip Bradley representing the Craft Brewers Guild of Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today.

There are currently 33 Microbrewery licenses in Kansas. We are growing and we are meeting the needs and demands of the Kansas consumer. It is hard work and not without challenges, but we accept the challenge. However we will need your help with a growing demand that we cannot address without some changes. Many of your constituents want Kansas made strong cider. And we would like the ability to meet their requests. We hope that this bill will allow that.

HB 2467 simply addresses one significant issue, ***the ability to grow by making strong Cider***. Many states do this very thing and it makes for a very orderly and convenient market. We understand that we could acquire an addition farm winery license and then make these products however we are not sure that ***we may do so while sharing space, equipment, supplies and warehousing. And that we could comingle funds in the business. We ask for assurances that we could produce cider under this bill without these extraordinary steps!*** We thank the committee for bringing this bill.

On behalf of our members, all the small business owners, master brewers, employers, employees, the generators of economic growth for Kansas, we ask you to **pass favorably HB 2467**.

Thank you for your time.



Philip Bradley

KCBG- Kansas Craft Brewers Guild are the craft and microbrewers of Kansas. We are a diverse group that embraces the commercial operations and the home hobby artist brewer.



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