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**Testimony on SB217  
to  
The Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
By Josh Roe, Assistant Secretary  
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Good morning Chairman Ostmeyer and members of the committee. I'm Josh Roe, Assistant Secretary for the Kansas Department of Agriculture, and I'm here to express support for SB 217 relating to the number of farmers' markets a farm winery may sell to.

- Under current law, a farm winery may only sell their wine at one farmers' market location, limiting potential sales.
- Current law also harms smaller farmers' markets in that farm wineries tend to sell at the larger markets, leaving smaller markets with less vendors, hence less attractions to bring customers.
- We believe this bill will provide a positive economic benefit to the 33 registered farmers' markets and 37 farm wineries located in the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony. Mr. Chair, I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.