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Dear Chairman and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2331. Though I support the underlying language of the bill, my primary reason for supporting HB 2331 comes from the amendment I added to the bill during the House floor debate.

My amendment to the bill addresses a concern brought to me by various Wichita small businesses regarding the ability of their patrons to bring alcohol to their establishments, also known as the BYOB policy. These business, including art studios, bed & breakfast inns, and cigar shops, allow customers to bring their own alcohol. Because the business owners do not sell, distribute or even handle the alcohol, ABC had previously assured them that no Kansas liquor license was needed in order to be in compliance with the law.

Now, ABC has reinterpreted their BYOB policy and targeted these small business owners for fees and licensure. As these small business owners have indicated to me, these additional fees and regulations will hurt their bottom line. They feel that bureaucrats have decided to yank the rug out from under their business model, despite their desire to operate a legitimate business. It is extremely important that we ensure stability in policies for our small Kansas businesses in order to foster growth and development of the economy.

I urge you to support HB 2331, with my amendment, in order to maintain and clarify the BYOB policy these upstanding business owners have been operating under for a number of years. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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State Representative, District 17

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