

LIBERTY LIQUOR

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SB 298

Members of the Federal and State Affairs Committee,

As a 74-year old, small liquor store owner in Hutchinson, I'm submitting this testimony in favor of supporting the Uncork Kansas bill, SB 298.

Liquor store lobbyists may claim their efforts are for small stores like mine, but their allegiance is to the large liquor stores in Wichita and Kansas City. They've never come to talk to me or ask me what would be best for my business.

As Kansas legislators who care about small business owners, it makes sense to support SB 298 as it helps ensure liquor stores have a fair buyout option. This is more helpful to me and fellow small liquor store owners than continuing to take no action on the issue.

For sixteen years I've owned Liberty Liquor and have a lot invested in it. I'm ready to retire, yet I'm stuck. No one wants to purchase a liquor store until this issue is resolved and it won't be resolved until the Kansas legislature changes the law.

Legislative inaction leaves me with a profitable business, yet no buyer. Surely that's not what you and your colleagues intended to do to Kansas business owners?

Sincerely,

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