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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairman, Senate Committee on Federal and State

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FROM: Debbi Beavers, Interim Director of Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control

DATE: 20 January 2016

SUBJECT: Neutral Testimony on Senate Bill 326 (written only)

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

ABC is neutral on this bill, however ABC would respectfully request that no further increase over 60,000 barrels (1,860,000 gallons) would be allowed. A beer manufacturer's license is available and fees are based upon the daily barrel capacity. Fees range from \$400 to \$3200 for a two year license. A beer manufacturer cannot also possess a drinking establishment or a caterer's license. The agency's concern is that, as the limit for microbreweries continues to increase, applicants are increasingly discouraged from obtaining a manufacturer's license, even though it is more appropriate in high volume situations.

Thank you Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to testify as neutral.