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**House Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development Committee**

**Testimony Re: HB 2625**

**Presented by Ronald R. Hein**

**on behalf of**

**Kansas Beverage Association**

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Ron Hein, and I am Executive Director and legislative counsel for the Kansas Beverage Association (KBA) (formerly the Kansas Soft Drink Association), which is the state trade association for non-alcoholic beverage bottling companies operating in Kansas. Products manufactured and distributed by members of the KBA include soft drinks, bottled waters, isotonic drinks, juice, juice drinks, sports drinks, dairy-based beverages, teas, and other beverages.

HB 2625 preempts local units of government from imposing taxes, bans, or other restrictions upon the sale or use of single-use plastic products

The Kansas Beverage Association supports HB 2625. Local government restrictions upon products of any nature constitute restraints on trade and place undue burdens on distributors of such products. Individual municipalities having different rules for any products cause disruptions in production, retail ordering, and distribution.

With regards to plastic products, the beverage industry is very proud that our bottles are 100% recyclable, including the cap. The American Beverage Association, in conjunction with the World Wildlife fund, the Recycling Partnership, and Closed Loop Partners, has launched Every Bottle Back. This is a national effort to seek to get every bottle that we produce back, so that it can be recycled and made into a new bottle. Our bottles are not single-use, but are totally recyclable.

We would encourage you to review [Every Bottle Back.org](http://EveryBottleBack.org) and learn how our industry is working towards environmental sustainability in a very positive way.

Thank you for permitting me to submit this written testimony on this matter.