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TESTIMONY OF BOB ALDERSON
ON BEHALF OF CASEY'S GENERAL STORES, INC.
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

MARCH 12, 2020

Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bob Alderson, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of Casey's General Stores, Inc. ("Casey's") in support of House Bill No. 2671. I regret that I am unable to be present at the hearing on HB 2671, but I trust my written comments will be of some assistance in your consideration of this bill.

Casey's operates more than 2,000 stores in 16 states, including 164 stores in Kansas. Currently, Casey's employs 2,800 Kansans who are paid wages in the amount of \$48,628,075.00. During this fiscal year, Casey's has sold 153,593,940 gallons of gasoline in Kansas for total gasoline sales of \$380,909,475.00. Total sales for goods and services in Kansas are \$739,175,677.00, and Casey's paid property, sales and payroll taxes in the amount of \$30,359,590. Suffice it to say that Casey's is a good corporate citizen.

Casey's has been a major client of the Kansas Lottery for many years. All 164 Kansas stores are Kansas lottery retailers. If HB 2671 were enacted all Casey's stores in Kansas would seek to become sports wagering retailers, as provided in the bill.

Both Senate Bill No. 283, which has been passed by the Senate, and HB 2671 propose to legalize a form of gambling that many Kansans now participate in illegally. For a variety of reasons, Casey's prefers the option provided by HB 2671. As opposed to Senate Bill No. 283:

- HB 2671 has the potential to allow a variety of businesses throughout the state to offer sports wagering as a new entertainment option to customers.
- By making it possible to have up to 1200 sports wagering retailers throughout the state, HB 2671 will spur economic development in rural and urban areas alike.
- HB 2671 will provide consumers convenient locations statewide to participate in legalized sports wagering.

For these reasons, I recommend that the Committee recommend HB 2671 favorable for passage.

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