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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as support for House Bill 2057.

Founded in 1941 in Atchison, Kansas, MGP is a leading supplier of specialty wheat proteins and starches that provide a host of functional, nutritional and sensory benefits for a wide range of food products. The Company is also one of the country's foremost producers of premium distilled spirits. At its Kansas facility, this includes the production of gins and vodkas, which are carefully crafted through a combination of art and science and backed by a long history of experience born out of the Company's heritage of producing high-quality industrial alcohol. MGP began marketing its own beverage alcohol brands in 2016.

Under the current Kansas law, MGP is unable to participate in opening a tasting room or restaurant due to the law's restrictions. However, a tasting room or restaurant could provide employment in Atchison, as well as potential tourism business. MGP is requesting a law change that would allow ownership participation.

This proposed amendment under Section 1, Item (4)(F), in House Bill 2057 would read as follows:

"Any person who has a beneficial interest in the manufacturer licensed pursuant to the Kansas liquor control act may be issued one drinking establishment license."

Section 3, Item (d)(2), would read as follows:

"If the drinking establishment licensee also holds a manufacturer's license issued under the Kansas liquor control act, the licensed premises specified in the drinking establishment license shall not be the same as the licensed premises specified in the manufacturer's license, but such specified premises shall be located not more than two miles by the usually traveled road from the licensed premises specified in the manufacturer's license."



To comply with this amendment, no alcohol products produced by MGP would be served at this establishment unless such products were acquired from a distributor or retailer licensed under the Kansas liquor control act.

States such as Missouri have supportive statutes that allow their distilleries to operate a tasting room and retail shop helping their communities create a successful tourism niche. Weston, Missouri is a great example of a thriving destination.

With this change, MGP could further support the Atchison community's economic well-being by creating new employment opportunities, providing an additional attraction for visitors from surrounding states, and adding to the local sales tax base.

MGP staff would gladly be available to State Representatives to discuss this proposed change or address any questions if so requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David E. Rindom". The signature is written in a cursive style.

David E. Rindom

Vice-President, Chief Administrative Officer