

February 14, 2022

Memorandum:

To: House Federal and State Affairs Committee From: Becky Schwartz, Executive Director, Fuel True

Re: Support HB 2611

Chairman and members of the House Fed and State Committee:

My name is Becky Schwartz. I am the Executive Director of Fuel True Independent Energy and Convenience, formally known as the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas (PMCA of Kansas), a statewide trade association representing over 250 independent Kansas Energy distribution companies and convenience store retailers throughout Kansas.

Chairman Barker and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting HB 2611.

HB 2611 would authorize the delivery of cereal malt beverage by cereal malt beverage retailers and alcoholic liquor by retail liquor stores using a third-party delivery service.

For the past two years, Kansans and the entire country have been dealing with COVID 19. Businesses, including our convenience stores, had to be creative in keeping their businesses open and running. Many of our convenience stores often operate as their community's grocery stores. We have a few members who deliver groceries out of their convenience stores through either a third party or their employees.

We understand the ABC has a few changes they would like to make to the bill. We support those changes.

HB 2611 allows our convenience stores to include CMB with their customers' groceries. Our members want to offer as many conveniences to their customers as possible, and many of their customers take advantage of the grocery delivery.

We ask the committee to support SB 2611.

Thank You.