

**House Committee on Federal and State Affairs Testimony in Support of House Bill 2611** Presented by Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs

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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to support House Bill 2611 which would allow retailers the ability to deliver alcohol to consumers.

If there's a silver lining over the last two years from the pandemic, states across the country began evaluating how "things have always been done." One area where we saw changes was allowing for the delivery of alcoholic beverages. While a Kansas Executive Order only allowed for to-go purchases from restaurants and bars during the pandemic, it was a step in the right direction toward modernizing our state's liquor laws.

HB 2611 would allow Kansas to join the more than 30 states that allow for delivery of alcoholic beverages and would benefit Kansas consumers and retailers alike. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 2611, and I am happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.