



February 14, 2017

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Commerce Committee:

QuikTrip adds our name in strong support of House Bill 2282.

House Bill 2282 mirrors the recent modernization act of adult beverages that the citizens of Oklahoma passed with 66 percent approval. This measure enjoyed one of the highest margins in the state's history. I am sure you are aware that Colorado also changed their laws and will be eliminating 3.2 beer.

Today, only 3 states have not changed their laws and the remnants of prohibition remain. Unfortunately, Kansas is one of these states. With Oklahoma and Colorado eliminating the cruel hoax of 2 different types of beers for the same adult customer, 3.2 beer as we know it is going away. Oklahoma has always been the lynch pin for the demise of 3.2, everybody in the related industry, intellectually knows it is going away. If Kansas does not modernize, we will be out of the beer business.

Last year the Kansas Beer Wholesalers introduced a proactive trigger bill that would take into account the pending actions by Oklahoma and Colorado. If that would have passed, we would not be here today. It would have given everyone the opportunity to be prepared for change. It would have given the state the time to make sure everything was in place. It would have given the distributors plenty time to make any changes they needed.

So here we are, and I am sure those who have voiced opposition will use the same arguments they have for the last 20 something years.

QuikTrip, is asking this committee to pass this bill, and give us the opportunity to compete and give the adult consumer the right to make a choice on were they would like to purchase their adult beverage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Michael Thornbrugh'.

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Enclosure