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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as support for House Bill 2141.

Founded in 1941 in Atchison, Kansas, MGP is a leading supplier of premium distilled spirits and specialty wheat proteins and starches. Distilled spirits produced at the Company's Kansas facility include gins and vodkas, which are carefully crafted through a combination of art and science and backed by a long history of experience. The Company's proteins and starches are created in the same manner at this location and provide a host of functional, nutritional and sensory benefits for a wide range of food products. MGP additionally is a top producer of high quality industrial alcohol for use in both food and non-food applications.

The Company recently purchased a closed restaurant building across the street from its corporate office in Atchison. Under the current Kansas law, MGP is unable to participate in opening a new restaurant due to the law's restrictions. A restaurant could provide employment for up to 50 employees. MGP is requesting a law change that would allow ownership participation. This proposed amendment under Section 1, Item (4)(F), in House Bill 2141 would read as follows:

"Any person who has a beneficial interest in the manufacture of alcoholic liquor and holds a license pursuant to the Kansas liquor control act may be issued a drinking establishment license or a drinking establishment/caterer license, provided no alcoholic liquor manufactured by such manufacturer licensee shall be sold by such manufacturer licensee on the premises of the licensed drinking establishment or by the drinking establishment/caterer licensee unless acquired from a distributor or retailer licensed under the Kansas liquor control act."

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.

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 black ink, appearing to read "David E. Rindom".

David E. Rindom
Vice-President, Chief Administrative Officer