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Chairman Tarwater, Vice Chair Borjon, Ranking Member Probst and other committee members:

Thank you for making time to hear this bill. House Bill 2373 effectively changes the current retail fireworks season of June 27 to July 5th from regulation to statute and adds an additional season beginning on December 26th and ending on January 1st to enable Kansans to enjoy consumer fireworks for the New Years Eve holiday.

I am speaking today not only in my capacity as the sponsor of this bill but also as a fireworks retailer, dba Uncle Kenny's Fireworks. This extended retail season would provide convenience to those who like to ring in the new year by offering them a legal alternative to buying out of state and would help the Kansas economy with increased revenue to our retailers and sales tax to the state.

Again, thank you for considering House Bill 2373, I will be happy to answer any questions that the committee might have.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ken Collins', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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