

Dear Chairman Thompson, Vice Chair Blew, and members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee,

I am Scott Zaremba, representing CheckersXtra. I urge your support for Senate Bill 355, an e-vapor licensing bill. This bill aims to create transparency in the market by helping retailers ensure we are buying from licensed regulated distributors.

Today retailers like myself purchase other tobacco products from licensed distributors so it only makes sense that all tobacco products should be purchased from legitimate licensed and regulated suppliers. This bill ensures that retailers will be protected by only buying products from regulated licensed wholesale distributors which is how we operate today in many other adult product categories.

This legislation is vital for protecting the interests of small businesses like mine, ensuring fair competition, and promoting a healthy retail environment.

Moreover, the bill addresses the growing concern of illegal evapor products entering the market, particularly those originating from China. By strengthening regulatory oversight and compliance requirements, Senate Bill 355 will help curb the distribution of these illicit products, which pose risks to consumer safety and undermine lawful businesses.

Robust enforcement is essential to maintaining a level playing field, deterring illicit activity, and supporting responsible retail practices. By providing clear guidelines and effective oversight, SB 355 will help safeguard the public and support the continued success of Kansas businesses.

Please advance SB 355

Respectfully,

Scott Zaremba