

January 25, 2012

Testimony on HB 2503

House Agriculture Committee

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee

We support HB 2503 and urge you to pass this measure.

We believe in the Secretary's Grape and Wine Industry Advisory Council and believe the changes in this measure generally continue to elevate and promote Kansas as a premium wine state.

We are however concerned with the sunset clause. We support efforts to make the council self-supporting but believe that goal can be reached while still benefitting from the direction and guidance of the Secretary and the Department of Agriculture. Such guidance also prevents inter-industry competition for control and authority that would be harmful to the industry and counterproductive to the goals.

Thank you for your time and service,

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