



House Bill 2282 Support

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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce would like to express its support for House Bill 2282, which allows for the sale of wine and strong beer in grocery stores and convenience stores.

The Topeka Chamber supports expanding competition and encouraging additional business opportunities through the modernization of Kansas' liquor laws. House Bill 2282 permits the sale of wine and beer in grocery and convenience stores and allows liquor stores the ability to add additional product lines and operate more outlets. Cities like Topeka are working hard to become progressive attractive places, especially for young professionals. Topeka has upgraded its downtown and added a number of amenities designed to draw visitors, employers, residents and investors. The time is right to upgrade the state's liquor laws to match what has already occurred throughout most of the nation and enable local communities to complete their transformations into modern cities where adult consumers have abundant choices where to purchase their favorite beverages and the government intrudes only as much as is truly necessary in such decisions.

We support passage of HB 2282. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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