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Dear Representative Les Mason and Commerce Committee,

My name is Ann Simien and I am the General Manager for KC Wine & Spirits, located at 7225 W. 91<sup>st</sup> in Overland Park, KS. I started working in the industry as a part-time employee when I first moved to the Kansas City area from Wichita in 2010. Over the course of the years I have grown a great deal of knowledge in the alcohol industry and the customers I have gotten to know. After 6 years I was able to become the manager of a store and have developed a true investment and pride into my store's success and my customers I serve.

I know that the customers we serve would prefer to shop local and to keep their money in Kansas. If you were to pass HB2282, I know that you would be raising prices and sending our money outside of Kansas as well as putting lots of Kansans out of business.

I love my job, the family I work for and the customers I serve, knowing if you pass HB2282 I will lose my job and the family that I work for will also be out of business.

There are several areas around town that are ghost towns, if we continue to shut Kansas businesses down we will continue to look like ghost towns except for the big box stores that are taking Kansans money out of state. Please, I urge you to vote NO against HB2282 and keep Kansans in business.

Thank you,

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