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Testimony on House Bill 2689 House Federal and State Affairs Committee March 5, 2012

Dear Chairman Brunk and members of the Federal and State Affairs Committee,

The Douglas County Commission supports House Bill 2689. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of its passage.

Relocating the Fremont Dinner Train to Baldwin City will be an economic boon to Baldwin City, bringing new jobs to that community and serving as a magnet to bring thousands of new visitors to Baldwin's shops, restaurants and hotels. The whole of Douglas County will be well served by this tourism-based business as it will provide an important new amenity to our Freedom's Frontier Heritage Area.

In order to succeed, the dinner train needs a liquor license allowing it to operate in Douglas and Franklin Counties. We encourage you to support the passage of HB 2689 to bring us one step closer to locating this new business in Baldwin City, Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Mike Gaughan, Chair

On behalf of the Douglas County Commission

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