

February 20, 2017 Testimony in Opposition to HB 2292 Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee

Chairman Jennings, and Members of the Committee,

I am Philip Bradley representing the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association. The KLBA represents the interests of the men and women in the hospitality industry, who own, manage and work in Kansas bars, breweries, clubs, caterers, hotels, and restaurants. These are the places you frequent and enjoy with the tens of thousands of employees that are glad to serve you. I have also been asked to speak for the KS Craft Brewers Assn., the KS Viticulture and Farm Winery Assn. and the Artisan Distillers of KS. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today and I will be brief.

While we are not opposed to a limited general concept proposed in this bill, we do oppose the complete removal of these controls. There are certain individuals that are attracted to the hospitality industry. Not all of them should be placed in a position to dispense controlled substances and handle the publics consumables. While we have in the past supported allowing particular felony classes be able to work if capable and otherwise qualified, we have never supported violent, predatory or financial (particularly credit card) fraud felons and certain others.

In the past, we have worked with Law Enforcement groups and other industry associations and have had supportable language but never this blanket change.

There are undoubtedly further issues and questions that will arise as these is heard, therefore I am available for your questions today and at your convenience.

Again, thank you for your attention and consideration.

Philip Bradley

There is no such thing as a 'self-made' man. We are made up of thousands of others. Everyone who has ever done a kind deed for us, or spoken one word of encouragement to us, has entered into the make-up of our character and of our thoughts, as well as our success. George Matthew Adams

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