

February 9, 2017 Testimony HB 2277 House Local Government Committee

Chairman Williams, 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 the general concept proposed in this bill, we do have some questions that we believe would need to be answered, and based on those answers issues of significant changes in policy be thoughtfully considered.

Those questions include; How big an area can be designated? Will all alcohol sales be restricted to on premise licensees? Who is responsible for the alcohol & behavior outside the licensed establishments? Will licensees adjoining this area be able to opt out? What is the maximum time this area can operate in one session?

There are undoubtedly further issues and questions that will arise as these are read 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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