

p.b.c.

Consulting



ADK

May 19, 2020
Testimony about EO
Senate Judiciary Committee

Chairman Wilborn and Senators 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., and the Artisan Distillers of KS. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I apologize for not being present, however I have been unavoidably detained with a family incident. I will be brief.

We have two issues for you today. **First is the unequal treatment of on-premise establishments under the Covid-19 response and reopening. The second is the, unreasonable proposed ending of the expansion of sales.**

We appreciate the efforts of all of Kansas government to find ways to assist, but the treatment of the on-premise licensees differently is unfair and inappropriate. To not allow for to-go drinks and curbside beverages, at the same time that food sales were allowed to do the same, was incorrect. It caused a large number of the local establishments to go without the ability to make sales since mid-March.

And it further compounds the pain to allow reopening for one and not the other. We fail to see any greater exposure from sitting in a "bar" using the safety practices, than sitting in a restaurant, or actually many other businesses that are now allowed open. All on-premise should be treated the same. We understand reasonable "best practices", however we can all use those equally. There is much more to say but I promised brevity. Please contact the fine proprietors in your district for personal stories.

Second it would be extremely helpful for the "Mom & Pop" local places to survive, to extend the special variance, waivers, and abilities for sales to much later. Even after some barriers are released, for it will take some length of time to rebuild the trust of personal safety that has been shattered through this period. We are mindful that many states are making use of the ability to deliver drinks as well as food. This would be helpful to our on-premise industry.

We ask your help to assure that ease and benefits flow to our brick and mortar businesses, helping them to reopen, recover, and thrive!

We thank those who have worked on this measure and thank you for your consideration.

Our industry is a working, compliant contributor to the success of the state of Kansas, and wish to return to that place, I am available for your questions by call or message at your convenience.

Philip Bradley

785-766-7492
pbb@sunflower.com

pbc consulting representing;
Kansas Licensed Beverage Association
Craft Brewers Guild of Kansas
Kansas Homebrewers Alliance

Artisan Distillers of Kansas
Equal Entertainment Group

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." John C. Maxwell