

TO: Chairman and Members of the Kansas House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

FROM: Tyler Rudd, Central States Counsel, Wine Institute

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RE: Written Only Support of SB 2 – Beer & Wine in State Fairgrounds

Wine Institute is a trade association comprised of roughly 1,000 California wineries and affiliated businesses. We are the only U.S. organization advocating for wine at the state, federal, and international levels. Our mission is to initiate and advocate public policy that enhances the ability to responsibly produce, promote, and enjoy wine. In this instance, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 2 on behalf of Wine Institute.

At many fairgrounds around the country, fair-goers who are of drinking age often like to enjoy wine and beer (and in some cases spirits) while experiencing the fun festivities of the fair. Wine Institute agrees with the public policy in SB 2 that would allow patrons of the Kansas State Fair to safely and responsibly consume beer and wine at the fair. Therefore, I submit this letter in support of SB 2 and respectfully ask the Committee on Federal and State Affairs vote in favor of this legislation.

Thank you for consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 512-293-0247 or trudd@wineinstitute.org, or our local legislative counsel, Larrie Ann Brown.