



March 1, 2012

The Honorable Steve Brunk  
Kansas House of Representatives  
District 85  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Topeka KS 66612

Re: Testimony by Hank Booth, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce as Proponent for HB 2689  
March 5, 2012

Dear Mr. Brunk:

On behalf of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to provide this testimony in support of HB 2689, specifically the additions relating to a potential new business, a dinner train in Baldwin City.

The Lawrence Chamber of Commerce is the leading advocate for economic growth in Douglas County. The economic vitality of our community relies on our ability to successfully attract a broad range of businesses and create jobs for our local residents.

To operate in Douglas and Franklin Counties, the dinner train will need a liquor license. In addition to increasing tourism in the Baldwin City area, the proposed dinner train will create approximately 14 FTE in jobs for local residents. Baldwin City and the surrounding areas will benefit from the presence of the proposed dinner train.

I therefore encourage you to support the passage of a liquor license for railcars with HB 2689.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hank Booth".

Hank Booth  
Interim President/CEO  
Lawrence Chamber of Commerce

House Federal & State Affairs  
Date: 3-05-12

Attachment # 18