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**NO on SB 379**

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**Subject :** NO on SB 379**To :** Stephen Bainum <Stephen.Bainum@house.ks.gov>**Cc :** steve brunk <steve.brunk@house.ks.gov>

Dear Stephen,

My name is Rich Bryan. I'm the Legislative Committee Chairman for The Kansas Viticulture & Farm Winery Association (KVFWA). I've been active in the Kansas wine industry for over a decade and in the Missouri wine industry prior to that where I served as a Missouri State wine judge.

Once again the question of eliminating the Kansas Fruit requirement from the Kansas Farm Winery Act rears it's ugly head. We have opposed this position for as long KVFWA has existed (2004). In fact, support FOR the Kansas fruit requirement was the founding reason for our organization.

With the fruit requirement in place, I've seen the Kansas wine industry grow from 6 wineries to now over 30. Department of Agriculture statistics continue to show an increase in Kansas fruit produced. Wine sales are increasing & more tourists are visiting our wineries. All under the current Kansas fruit requirement of 60%. And, let me point out here that many KVFWA members use Kansas fruit exclusively (100%). The system works, as is.

We have achieved our success by tying the farm & the winery together via The Farm Winery Act. Elimination of the fruit requirement would break this bond with the end result being loss of our Kansas product & our Kansas identity.

Once again I stand to OPPOSE the elimination of the Kansas fruit requirement. Keep it the way it is now or you may increase the fruit requirement .

I plan to attend the hearing Thursday, or when called, to speak against SB 379.

Regards,

Rich Bryan

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