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*Dear Chairman Brunk:*

I'm a Kansas-based food writer with a national audience. I have written frequently about my experiences in Kansas, for example in The New York Times online, and this feature story in Gourmet. As recently as last week, I touted the state's amazing local foods in the annual Kansas City Star Food Issue, comparing their prevalence and availability favorably against anything found on both coasts.

So you can imagine why I view the so-called Farm Winery Bill with horror. How can a state with such a vibrant and diverse agriculture codify legislation that undermines the proud work of its farmers?

And the real point is: Kansas doesn't need to kowtow to mass grape producers from elsewhere. True "farm wineries" dot this state, serving as award-winning ambassadors for not only their fine products, but for all our fine farmers and ranchers. This legislation puts that reputation at risk.

I don't see a need for the hearing I understand is under consideration. But if there is one, I respectfully request to be informed of its date, time, and location so I can appear in person to testify in opposition to SB379.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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