

Testimony in Opposition of SB379

February 18, 2012

To: Senate Federal and State Affairs committee

From: Kugler's Vineyard

Kugler's Vineyard is a small family owned vineyard and farm winery. Several varieties of grapes have been planted since the spring of 1996 including Concord, Niagara, Seyval Blanc, Vidal Blanc and Cynthiana (Norton).

Our vineyard and winery are available for private tours.

According to the current Kansas 60/40 rule we are allowed to purchase 40% of grapes, and this rule fits our needs well.

We have always used 100% of grapes that we grow, there was no need to purchase any grapes yet.

We feel that the primary role of the Kansas Farm winery is to add value to the Kansas grown grapes as well as to educate the public about wine making and the Kansas Agriculture.

We think that by allowing to purchase fruit/juice from out of Kansas we would break our contact with agriculture and it would also encourage simple profit oriented wine production with no Kansas connection.

We might lose the uniqueness of Kansas Farm winery.

That's why we oppose this bill.

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