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PROPONENT ORAL TESTIMONY

To: Senate Commerce Committee

From: Jon Rolph, President of Sasnak Management

Re: Support of HB 2482 – An Act Concerning Alcoholic Beverages Relating to the Hours of Sale of Alcohol

Honorable Chairwoman Lynn and Members of the Committee:

I am grateful for your willingness to consider HB 2482. I am President of Sasnak Management, a family owned business that operates 45 restaurants across 7 states. We have been headquartered in Kansas since our founding in the early 70's, and recently chose to open our newest concept, HomeGrown, in Wichita.

HomeGrown is a made-from-scratch breakfast, brunch, and lunch spot that features many locally sourced ingredients and products. Our mission and tagline is to Cultivate Kindness, believing that one kind act at the beginning of someone's day will spur more kindness in our community. We researched the latest trends in breakfast and brunch around the country for the past two years, so that we could bring the best ideas together to form our new concept.

One of the common trends we found in our research was the introduction of bar drinks into the morning meal space. Many people around the country have the opportunity to enjoy a Bloody Mary or a Mimosa with their breakfast. We were surprised to learn that, in Kansas, restaurants are not allowed to serve alcohol until 9 a.m., which is different from the laws regarding catering.

As you can imagine, it is confusing to our guests and employees that, even though we open at 6:30, we cannot serve a Bloody Mary until 9 a.m. I am here to encourage you to move the time when restaurants can serve alcohol to 6 a.m., which would match it up to the rules that already exist for caterers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for HB 2482.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Rolph", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jon Rolph