



**Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association
Testimony Supporting
House Bill 2482
Scott J. Schneider J.D.
Senate Commerce Committee
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Chair and members of the committee, the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association supports House Bill 2482. The bill would simply extend the hours alcoholic beverages can be served from 9am to 6am.

The Kansas restaurant industry employs over 137,000 people and nearly one half of every dollar spent on food in Kansas is through one of our members businesses. Our association provides solutions to our industry for everything from food safety training to our self-insured workers compensation fund.

HB 2482 is straightforward and would allow several very different on-premise drinking scenarios to be solved. First, many manufacturing communities in Kansas have third shift workers and extending the serving hours to 6am would mirror the hours of a CMB tavern and allow these workers to enjoy similar after work benefits of other shift workers. Second, several Kansas breakfast restaurants have recently expanded their menus and would like to serve traditional morning drinks such as a mimosa or bloody Mary.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation, we stand in support and I will additionally stand for any questions at the appropriate time