

# **BLACKJACKS LIQUOR**

307 S 2nd Ave, Dodge City, KS 67801

Dear Chairman John Barker and Committee,

My name is Monica Tieben and I am the owner of Blackjacks Liquor in Dodge City Kansas. I am speaking to you today in support of HB 2406. I am also a member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Association of Beverage Retailers.

Last year, when the Legislature closed down due to the coronavirus, it left Senate Bill 456 stranded. That bill was very important to my store and to those who operate in communities that have not elected to adopt Sunday sales ordinances.

This is a problem because my store is now directly competing with grocery and convenience stores for the sale of strong beer. I was unable to open on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day to serve my customers, which sends them to Walmart or other competitors. 2020 was especially tough, because Independence Day landed on a Saturday – our biggest sales day of the week.

The Sunday sales process makes sense for cities and counties, as it reflects community priorities for families and church. However, the summer holidays do not seem to be tied to those community values. And if they were, sales would not be allowed in the grocery and convenience stores.

I would really appreciate your support to take summer holidays out of the Sunday sales ordinances altogether. I reached out to my city last year, and they did not have any problem with the legislation.

Passing HB 2406 would be very helpful to my business and the others who find themselves in a similar situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you today and if any of you come to Dodge City, please come by Blackjacks. We'd love to serve you!

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