



February 15, 2022

Chairman John Barker
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Room 285-N State Capitol Building
300 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1504

RE: Support for KS House Bill 2611

Dear Chairman Barker and Committee:

I write today in support of House Bill 2611, legislation authorizing the delivery of cereal malt beverages and beer in Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views.

Amazon's investment in Kansas represents more than \$4 billion since 2011, creating more than 8,000 full-time jobs for Kansans. Presently, Whole Foods Market conducts business at three locations in Kansas. These sites operate as full-service grocery stores, holding licenses as cereal malt beverage retailers, and offering beer products for off-premises consumption, including cereal malt beverages and beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by volume.

We encourage the committee to approve House Bill 2611, legislation authorizing the sale and delivery of cereal malt beverages and beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by CMB retailers and licensed third-party delivery companies. We commit to working with this committee and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control to ensure that any regulatory framework authorizing beer delivery establishes a three-tier compliant model predicated upon the safe and responsible sale and delivery of beer in the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

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