



CASEY'S GENERAL STORES, INC.

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TESTIMONY OF BOB ALDERSON
ON BEHALF OF CASEY'S GENERAL STORES, INC.
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Chairman Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bob Alderson, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of Casey's General Stores, Inc. ("Casey's") in support of Senate Bill No. 287.

Casey's operates more than 2,000 stores in 14 states, including 164 stores in Kansas. Currently, Casey's employs 2,800 Kansans who are paid wages in the amount of \$48,628,075.00. During this fiscal year, Casey's has sold 153,593,940 gallons of gasoline in Kansas for total gasoline sales of \$380,909,475.00. Total sales for goods and services in Kansas are \$739,175,677.00, and Casey's paid property, sales and payroll taxes in the amount of \$30,359,590. Suffice it to say that Casey's is a good corporate citizen.

Casey's is a member of the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas ("PMCA"), and I have read the testimony of Tom Palace, PMCA's Executive Director, in support of SB 287, which extends the time by which a UST tank owner may seek reimbursement for costs of installing a secondary containment system for a single-wall storage tank. The purpose of my testimony is to endorse Mr. Palace's testimony and add further support for SB 287.

By providing financial assistance to tank owners from the UST redevelopment fund to tank owners who install a secondary containment system, the legislature has encouraged tank owners to make tank improvements which minimize the possibility of a release from a tank with a single wall. SB 287 extends the sunset date of this legislation from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2030. The bill also would increase the financial incentive from \$50,000 to \$100,000. By incentivizing owners of single-wall UST's to upgrade these tanks to double-wall systems, which are required by the EPA, the state benefits from these financial incentives because replacement of single-wall tanks leads to quicker identification of potential contamination and removal of equipment more likely to cause future releases. Accordingly, I urge the committee to report SB 287 favorably for passage.

Thank you for your consideration of my remarks.