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To: House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee
From: Kevin Gregg, Associate Executive Director, Fuel True
Re: SB 47 Support, Oral Testimony

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee:

My name is Kevin Gregg. I represent Fuel True Independent Energy and Convenience. Our association was formerly known as the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas (PMCA of Kansas). We are a statewide trade association representing over 300 independent Kansas petroleum distribution companies and convenience store retailers throughout Kansas.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of SB 47.

SB 47 would ban municipalities from enacting or enforcing ordinances that would ban plastic bags and other single-use products such as cups, straws and utensils.

We support the legislation because it will provide a consistent rule across the whole state and avoid the patchwork of city and county bans we are currently facing.

Both large and small, our retailers' success is due, in part, to our ability to provide products in convenient packaging. To enhance our business, we are constantly searching for new products our customers may want. If this legislation passes, we can be confident that products we purchase for resale in Kansas will all be acceptable, no matter where our stores are located. As it stands now, we are forced to adjust our business decisions based on the unique rules of several municipalities which have banned some of our convenience items through local ordinances.

We are simply asking for consistency across the state for our retailers. SB 47 accomplishes this, and we would ask for your support.

Thank You