

Testimony

To: The Honorable Anthony Brown, Chair
And Members of the House Commerce and Economic
Development Committee

From: Lance and Jennifer Vogel
Rogers Liquor and Black's Liquor, LLC—Kansas City, Kansas

RE: HB 2532—An act concerning alcoholic beverages:
Relating to retailers licenses under the Kansas Liquor
Control Act

Date: February 8th, 2012

Our concerns relating to HB 2532 aka "Big Box Bill" are numerous. While we concur with all points being made by Amy Campbell and Whitney Damron, we would like to emphasize a particular effect that the successful passage of HB 2532 would have on our businesses and neighborhoods.

Both of our stores are located in areas of Kansas City, Kansas that have a lot of foot traffic, walk-in customers. At Rogers Liquor, we have a convenience store that is located next door. The neighborhood depends on the convenience store for the purchase of pop, chips, gum, cigarettes, bread and other household items. The customer's ages are obviously varied but many are under 21 years of age and many are neighborhood children as young as six or seven and many times unaccompanied by an adult.

A grocery store would have an easier time incorporating a liquor section into their store. A liquor store would have a very difficult task incorporating grocery items into the small stores.

The passage of HB 2532, in our area, would place small children into the liquor stores, which are now off limits. That is the last thing that our neighborhood liquor store needs.

Please vote NO on HB2532.

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