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HB 2340

The Kansas City Kansas Area Chamber of Commerce requests that HB2340 which would eliminate the exemption of casino gaming floors from statewide smoking ban not be passed out of committee. Since Kansas is a state that borders another state with casinos that allow smoking; this would put our state owned casinos which provide much needed state and local revenue as well as jobs at a distinct disadvantage.

The casinos have spent millions of dollars in state of the art air handling systems to filter the smoke from the air in these new facilities. We ask this committee to not pass HB2340 out of committee and allow the current smoking bill passed in 2010 to stand.