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Testimony about HB 2032 & 2068, proposal on gaming and sports book

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Chair Barker and Members of the Committee,

I am Philip Bradley representing the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association. The KLBA represents the interests of the men and women in the hospitality industry, who own, manage and work in Kansas bars, breweries, clubs, caterers, hotels, and restaurants. These are the places you frequent and enjoy, with the tens of thousands of employees that are glad to serve you. I have also been asked to speak for the KS Craft Brewers Assn., the KS Viticulture and Farm Winery Assn. and the Artisan Distillers of KS. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today and I will be brief.

We submit one testimony for both these measures and will again for the other measures that will undoubtedly arise this session. Our concern is the concern of the citizens of Kansas, to be permitted to participate in this traditional activity, to be newly allowed in Kansas, where they traditionally go. We ask to have the opportunity to provide this service and entertainment where are citizens routinely chose to participate. The overwhelming majority of Kansans that go to view, cheer, celebrate, and commiserate the wins and losses of their sporting favorites, go to hospitality venues. We simply ask, that the ability to participate also be in those hospitality establishments.

We do not ask, (pardon the puns) that you select small groups of “winners” or large groups of “losers” by restricting from some groups. Nor do we ask that you exclusively make us the “winner” by only allowing us to participate. ***It is our belief that citizens want to participate where the already go to watch.***

We are happy to have the state administer and regulate, we already have that relationship. And just as exists today, we ask that it be a choice to apply for this privilege. We are sure that not all will want to be sports book venues, and we are sure that many will.

Our industry is a working, compliant, contributor to the success of the state of Kansas and wish to continue in these activities.

We all ask and urge you to amend these measures, before passage.

I am available for your questions today and at your convenience, thank you for your attention and consideration.

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