

March 16, 2020

Memorandum:

To: House Federal and State Affairs Committee

From: Thomas M. Palace Executive Director PMCA of Kansas

Re: Neutral Testimony SB 221

Mr. Chair and Members of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee:

My name is Tom Palace. I am the Executive Director of the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas (PMCA of Kansas), a statewide trade association representing over 300 independent Kansas petroleum distribution companies and convenience store retailers throughout Kansas.

SB 221 would allow clubs and drinking establishments to sell beer, domestic beer, and cereal malt beverages in refillable and sealable containers for consumption off the licensed premises. The container must contain between 32 to 64 fluid ounces and have a label affixed that clearly indicates the licensee's name and type of alcoholic beverage. The bill also makes technical changes to existing law that allows patrons to remove opened containers of alcoholic liquor under certain conditions.

The bill was amended by the Senate to allow a retail liquor store licensee to sell containers for beer, domestic beer, and CMB sold on the licensed premises and served in refillable containers for consumption off the licensed premises.

Convenience stores sell CMB for off premise consumption. We request an amendment to the bill to allow convenience and grocery retailers to sell growlers that contain no more than 6% alcohol by volume.

Mr. Chairman, PMCA would support SB 221 if the requested amendment is added to the bill.

Thank You.

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