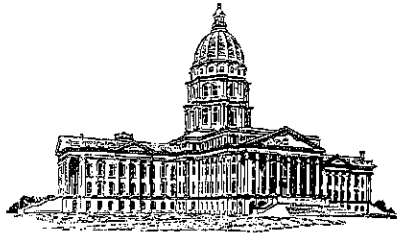


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Testimony in Support of HR2141

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Honorable Committee Members

Good morning Mr. Chairman and other esteemed Representatives of the Committee.
Thank you for the opportunity in support of Bill Number 2141.

I am blessed to have two robust distillers of spirits in my district. This is quite unusual. Both are economic drivers in Atchison County and throughout our state. Passage of this bill will facilitate our local economy and allow both of these employers to develop a more diverse presence economically in my district, provide new jobs and stimulate our local economy. Both of the following conferees will expand on this in more depth. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to help my district grow.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Eplee". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.