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Lawrence City Commission
RE: Training Issue on October 16 agenda

Mayor Boley, Vice Mayor Larsen, Commissioners, Mr. Markus, and Staff,

Thank you for postponing the vote on this very important issue. We wish to assure the Commission and citizens we are willing and able to work together to address this proposal. We believe that we can find a plan that will be mutually beneficial and work toward the ultimate goal.

I am Philip Bradley, of the KS Licensed Beverage Association. I am a native born, local resident and longtime participant in local community organizations and activities. The KLBA represents all businesses that serve alcohol for on-premise consumption, including restaurants, bars, hotels, caterers, clubs, events and their employees. I also speak today representing the KS Craft Brewers Guild, The Artisan Distillers of Kansas and The KS Viticulture & Farm Winery Assn.

Some of the concerns and proposals;

- The success of addressing any problem is in researching and understanding the issue and more specifically causes and/or linkages to the incidents. We ask for comprehensive objective data on the actual links to the known attacks. This will help find actions that will be helpful and assist in prioritization.
- Once we have established and ranked linkages, if it is determined that providing alcohol is a priority, then we should address all available sources. If addressing licensed sources in Lawrence, it should include on-premise (160), off premise (23), CMB (46), catering (9) & temp permits(varies).
- Current data shows that most violations of underage consumption, intoxication and providing minors now occur in homes, private parties or unsupervised areas (cars, parks, fields), outside licensee supervision. That may be true of any alcohol linkage to harassment or attacks.
- We would like to explain how we currently train and explore alternative proposals, if determined as a benefit to this issue, to maximize effectiveness. These may include multiple sessions a year that would allow better access to employees while still allowing businesses to remain open and operating. This might also assist in countering the challenges of high turnover. Open classes with volunteer attendance

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Drive Responsibly.

- could be most financially efficient and effective. We appreciate the proposals that include the city sponsorship of addressing this issue
- We believe that full understanding would show how voluntary training would be most likely to achieve desired goals. All licensee employees currently receive training of varying levels. We also wish to explore adding to current training as an alternative to separate classes. Now many qualified server training programs are used, and all include some level of patron protection and safety. We would welcome elements that would improve this education.
- Also, we would ask that all references to “license’ and/or “alcohol or liquor license” in the city ordinance and conditions in the city administered zoning/safety code be eliminated. Only the State of Kansas may issue, suspend, revoke or address liquor licenses. This has been tested and verified many times including in rulings by the KS Supreme Court. Interestingly, the only license that a municipality may issue/revoke, the CMB license, was not mentioned in the original proposal from the City.

We know that working together we can address these and other alternatives to achieve steps to address the serious issues. Let me reaffirm our intent and desire to work toward that goal. We look forward to working with interested parties.

I am available for your questions. Thank you for your time.



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“The difficulty in life is the choice”, The Bending of the Bough,

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