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Proposed alcohol law changes would undercut small liquor stores

To the Editor:

Chris Darrah wants the Kansas Legislature to pass a law that permits his 12 stores to "openly compete in state alcohol sales," according to his letter to the editor in Monday's Mercury.

When Mr. Darrah established his stores, he knew what the law was and what the restrictions were. Now he wants to change the rules. The Legislature should not be in the business of passing legislation that favors one group of businesses while disfavoring others.

This legislation wouldn't "benefit the entire state" and "make Kansas a better place to live," as Mr. Darrah contends, but it would enrich Mr. Darrah at a cost to numerous small liquor stores.

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