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**Testimony to the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee  
In a Neutral Position on SB54**

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and the Kansas Peace Officers Association offer this neutral testimony on SB54. We are not advocating for or against the policy decision of this bill. There are many people with more expertise on the issues surrounding expanding alcohol sales to additional retail outlets and any expected consequences or advantages. However, there are some law enforcement impacts we want to point out.

First and foremost is the most obvious impact--the enforcement of the liquor laws with expanded points of sale. It is not real clear how many additional outlets the proposed expansion would create. Over the past several years, Kansas law enforcement has increased its monitoring and enforcement of the liquor laws. Of particularly concentration has been the sale of liquor and CMB to underage persons. It is obvious if the number of outlets expand, there will need to be additional resources to maintain the same level of enforcement. This will add to the workload of both local law enforcement and the ABC enforcement section. Local law enforcement must rely heavily on the ABC for support of liquor law enforcement. We request legislative consideration to provide adequate funding for the ABC enforcement section if this bill passes. If the predictions of increased sales are true, this will only take a small portion of the additional tax revenues generated.

Second, an expansion of alcohol sales should also be met with an increased capacity to provide alcohol education programs, training of sales people, prevention programs, and the aforementioned enforcement resources. We would hope if SB54 passes, some of the additional tax revenues would be targeted for these programs.

Our request is for the committee to keep these issues in mind and to take action to assure law enforcement has the resources necessary to properly enforce the relevant laws implementing your policy decisions. The drive to comply with the laws is greatly enhanced with proper training, education, prevention programs and enforcement.

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