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This testimony is being submitted on behalf of our client Tom Spitaleri of Tony's Market at 3900 E. 31st street in District 3.

***Since 1969 our family has operated Tony's Market a full-service convenience and liquor store inside Kansas City. We are a loyal contributor to our neighborhood, and we rely on the sale of flavored tobacco and menthol cigarettes. As a strong partner in our community, we provide the daily goods our customers need without having to go far. Along with these daily goods, our customers want tobacco products as this is their adult choice. Without them, they wouldn't buy from us, and they wouldn't come to our store. My store loses and so does every taxpayer because they will be the ones to pick up the tab in lost tax revenue.***

***These products, particularly inside the city are a major driver of sales for us retailers and without them we KNOW our business will suffer. We will no longer be able to afford employees, maintain the same hours, or could cause us to close our doors.***

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