



# Senate Bill 164 Support

---

Written Testimony submitted to the  
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Curtis Sneden, Executive Vice President  
Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce

February 20, 2017

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce would like to express its support for Senate Bill 164, which allows cities in Kansas to designate areas within which responsible adults may consume alcoholic beverages which have been sold by licensed establishments in accordance with existing law.

The Topeka Chamber is part of a constellation of organizations all of which are dedicated to growing the economy in Topeka and Shawnee County and to making the future of our community more prosperous. Lasting economic growth and prosperity can only occur if our cities and towns are successful in attracting young professionals who will form our workforce in years to come. Among many other efforts to make our community more attractive, the Topeka Chamber supports the entertainment districts contemplated by Senate Bill 164. They typify the kind of modern city Topeka and her sister communities across the state are striving to become. At the very least, we believe it is appropriate and time to endow the leaders elected by Topekans with the authority to consider the creation of this type of amenity for its citizens and visitors.

We support passage of SB 164. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Contact:  
Curtis S. Sneden, Executive Vice President  
Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce  
(785) 231-6025 ▪ [csneden@topekachamber.org](mailto:csneden@topekachamber.org)