March 20, 2018

Rep. Curt VanderWall
Attn: Jamie Callahan
MI House of Representatives
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Mr. Callahan,

Thank you for the letter, and invitation to the hearing regarding bill 5719. Unfortunately I am not able to travel to Lansing on Wednesday.

Regarding bill 5719, I would like to share with you, and all legislators the economic impact my store had on the local economy, as well as service to the community of less than 1000 people of fresh meat, produce, dairy, as well as beer/wine/ liquor and dry grocery.

When I owned the store in the village of Custer named Bonser's of Custer, we did gross annual sales of 1.7 to 1.9 million dollars a year. We always had between 12 and 15 employees. Approximately 7 full time positions, and 6-8 part time. We had a gross annual payroll of approximately $200,000.00

This is a real life example of what a small business can do for communities in regards to service, jobs, and tax generation as well. These figures do not take into account the numerous donations we made to local service groups such as churches, schools, school groups, Lions Club ect.

The economic benefit of small business in small communities is taken for granted when they are in operation. They are taken for granted by both politics and consumers. It is only after they are gone that people realize just how important these businesses are to the local areas they serve.

Thank you again.

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Alan Bonser