Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chair Schaffer, Ranking Member O’Brien, and members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on House Bill 160.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on HB 160 and the impact on our state and the people of the state. I am a lifelong Republican who has worked in several campaigns and I am an active member of Grace Baptist Church in Mason, Ohio. I have been an officer and participated in many ministries over my twenty-nine years at Grace. I have experienced eating the products they serve, both Buzzed and Non-Buzzed and have always enjoyed the product. I want to be able to buy the product take it home to eat, buy on line or in retail stores.

The passage of this HB160 will help companies meet the needs of their loyal customers. Customers want to be able to purchase the product without going to the brick and mortar building at Over the Rhine in Cincinnati. The bill will allow customers to purchase the product in many different ways. Retail stores, weddings, events, and on line are only a few ways for growth of the industry. Ohio has long been a state that entrepreneurs thrive and grow their businesses. The growth will create jobs, additional positions within the company and additional revenue for the state. Buzzed Bull Creamery will keep their headquarters in the state and add one more success story when Ohio is discussed as a great place to build a business and call home. The industry is and will explode in the years to come and this bill will go a long way in Ohio being on the leading edge.

Thank You for your time and consideration. I look forward to the passage of the bill and thank you in advance for allowing me to buy the product in many different ways.

Jerry Crowe