



March 15, 2021

Assembly Member Jim Frazier,  
Chair of the Governmental Organization Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 360A  
Sacramento, California 95814

**AB 1181** (Nguyen) Fees: business licenses: alcoholic beverages: health permits – **OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Frazier,

**Alcohol Justice respectfully OPPOSES AB 1181** because it places business owner profits over public health and safety by robbing state and local agencies and departments of funds used to inspect and enforce critical programs that benefit everyone.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), California already suffers more annual alcohol-related harm than any other state: over 10,500 alcohol-related deaths, \$35 billion in total costs, \$14.5 billion in state costs.

If California is ever going to reduce this grisly toll, it cannot continue to reduce funding needed to enhance and ensure public health and safety.

With all due respect to the process of economic recovery from COVID-19, we ask that you hold this bill in your committee to stop a policy that will do far more public harm than good.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Lee Livingston".

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