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

AB 239 (Villapudua, Rivas) Winegrowers and brandy manufacturers: exercise of privileges: locations. -- OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Frazier,

Alcohol Justice respectfully OPPOSES AB 239 because reducing license restrictions on containers will increase availability, promote over-consumption and therefore negatively impact public health.

Additionally, there are issues of product safety and over-consumption in allowing wine or brandy to be sold or delivered off of their licensed premises in containers controlled by the consumer. We can imagine wine delivery trucks looking much like a barrel pulling up curbside to a venue and poured from a spigot to a non-sanitary bucket. This simple language allows a wide range of malfeasance and throws caution to the wind.

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. We respectfully ask that you hold this bill in your committee to ultimately prevent additional public health and safety harm.

Kind regards,

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