



# California Alcohol Policy Alliance

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

## **AB 376 (O'Donnell) Alcoholic beverages: licenses: arts and crafts workshops. -- OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Frazier,

CAPA is a coalition of diverse organizations and communities in California that have joined together to protect health and safety, and prevent alcohol-related harm through statewide action.

**CAPA respectfully OPPOSES AB 376** because it would expand the availability of alcohol to an untold number of undefined “arts and crafts workshops” without adding licensing requirements or responsible beverage service training, thus extensively threatening public health and safety. The term “arts and crafts workshop” is so vague, and undefinable, that it invites widespread abuse.

In addition, giving alcohol away freely, without proper licensing deprives the state of much-needed revenue that could be used for enforcement of alcohol-related rules and regulations and to help mitigate alcohol-related harm. If any establishment wishes to serve alcoholic beverages it should apply for and pay for the proper license.

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

Sincerely,

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