



# 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 61 (Gabriel) Business pandemic relief – SUPPORT IF AMENDED**

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 is supportive of SB 61's language to license third-party alcohol delivery services which would then require those services to comply with Responsible Beverage Service training and serving guidelines. We strongly believe that age verification should take place at every door where delivery takes place. This would remedy a current, very serious ABC-documented problem with home alcohol deliveries winding up in the hands of underage youth and those already intoxicated. Licensing third-party delivery services is very much needed to protect public health and safety in California and would generate additional revenue for ABC enforcement programs.

However, CAPA finds the rest of AB 61 to be completely unacceptable. The rest of the bill effectively take away local control and force the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to reduce regulations. If passed the bill will expand availability of alcohol to locations, events, and public spaces, thus extensively threatening public health and safety.

### **CAPA would fully support AB 61 if amended to only include the language concerning third-party licensing.**

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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