



March 11, 2021

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,

Alcohol Justice 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, the rest of AB 61 is truly problematic. The other portions of the bill effectively take away local control and force the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to reduce regulations. If passed it will expand availability of alcohol to locations, events, and public spaces, thus extensively threatening public health and safety.

We 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. 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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