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Senator Bill Dodd, Chair  
Senate Committee on Governmental Organization  
1020 N Street, Room 584  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SB 793 (Wiener) Alcoholic beverages: music venue license:  
entertainment zones: consumption – OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Dodd,

With this letter, the California Alcohol Policy Alliance (CAPA), strongly expresses opposition to SB 793. 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 OPPOSES SB 793** because the bill (Section 23406) allows minors to be in a licensed bar or restaurant that is not simultaneously serving alcohol – a deregulation measure that is impossible for the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to enforce.

CAPA also Opposes SB 793 because SEC. 3. Section 65863.15 of the bill will allow “commercial zones” for the consumption of alcoholic beverages in open containers in public spaces. It is not in the best interests of public health and safety to create open-air bars where people of all ages may be present. It will expose impressionable young people and those battling substance use disorders to objectionable consumption of alcoholic beverages. If passed, this bill would allow cities to create vast party zones, blocking off streets, sidewalks, parking lots, and even parks to allow public drinking, and public carrying around of open alcohol containers. California streets will more closely resemble the worst variety of street fair where alcohol is allowed, which has long been acknowledged as a bad public health and public safety practice.

If passed, SB 793 will effectively force the ABC to reduce important regulations. It will significantly increase the availability of alcohol to an expanding and unknown number of locations, events, and public spaces, thus extensively threatening public health and safety. We respectfully ask that you stop this dangerous bill in your committee to prevent additional public health and safety harm in our state.

Sincerely,

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