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Senator Richard D. Roth (Chair)
Senate Standing Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento, CA 95814

SB 102 (Melendez) COVID-19 emergency order violation: license revocation. -- OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Roth,

Alcohol Justice respectfully OPPOSES SB 102 because it would severely undermine the state's authority, obligation and ability to close problematic alcohol licensees whose practices are endangering the public health and safety.

It is preposterous that a public safety agency such as ABC could not enforce COVID-19 emergency orders unless is proven that there is transmission at that licensee's site. That would be like asking a police officer to prove that a loaded firearm will cause death before the officer could disarm a criminal in the act. This bizarre law would nullify COVID-19 emergency orders.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Lee Livingston".

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