



April 3,, 2017

Assemblymember Adam C. Gray, Chairman
Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization
1020 N Street, Rm. 156
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**RE: AB 1221 (Gonzalez Fletcher) SUPPORT
Alcoholic beverage control: Responsible Beverage
Service Training Program Act of 2017.**

Dear Chairman Gray:

Alcohol Justice (formerly Marin Institute) is a respected alcohol industry watchdog that has been a leading alcohol research and advocacy institution for more than 30 years.

Alcohol Justice supports AB 1221 because sales and service practices play a key role in addressing the risk of injury and other harms that arise from excessive alcohol consumption. Drinking drivers commonly start their journey from licensed establishments, while serving intoxicated people can result in other risky behavior and criminal outcomes. Preventing the over service of alcohol will help to reduce these alcohol-related problems and harm. Requiring those that sell and serve alcohol for on-sale consumption to complete RBS training will help to reduce the over service of alcohol and supplement enforcement of laws prohibiting the over service of alcohol.

Alcohol Justice believes that passage of AB 1221 will help reduce California's annual \$35 billion dollars in alcohol-related harm, 10,500 alcohol-related deaths, 17,700 alcohol-related hospitalizations, and \$14 billion cost to government.

Please vote YES on AB 1221.

Sincerely,

Bruce Lee Livingston

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