



April 3, 2017

Assemblymember Adam C. Gray, Chairman  
Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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**RE: AB 1772 (Committee on Governmental Organization (A))  
OPPOSE Alcoholic beverage licensees: restrictions.**

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.

We oppose AB 1772 because increasing the availability of alcohol is associated with increased alcohol-related harm. Expanding the number of locations where licenses may be issued, no matter how minimal, will increase availability and therefore impact public health. This seems to be a companion to SB 56, which we also oppose.

California already suffers more than \$35 billion dollars in alcohol-related harm and 10,500 alcohol-related deaths annually. If AB 1772 is passed and signed into law it will increase the potential of alcohol-related problems in the state.

**WE RECOMMEND A NO VOTE ON AB 1772.**

Sincerely,

*Bruce Lee Livingston*

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Executive Director / CEO

*cc: - Members of Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization*