



March 16, 2017

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

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**RE: OPPOSE AB 297 (Levine) Alcoholic beverages:
licenses: wine and food cultural museum and
educational center.**

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 is opposed to Levine's AB 297 because it is a special interest bill to authorize alcohol service at one special location. Such authorizations should not be done in a haphazard manner, location by location. In addition, any increase in availability of alcohol inevitably leads to an increase in alcohol related harm.

California already suffers more than \$35 billion dollars in alcohol-related harm with 10,500 alcohol-related deaths annually. If AB 297 is passed and signed into law it will negatively impact public health and safety and increase the potential of alcohol-related problems.

Please vote NO on AB 297.

Sincerely,

Bruce Lee Livingston

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Executive Director / CEO

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