



March 16, 2017

Assemblymember Adam C. Gray, Chairman  
Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization  
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**RE: OPPOSE AB 471 (Ting) Alcoholic beverages:  
licenses.**

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 Ting's AB 471 because San Francisco already is the most over-concentrated county of California. 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.

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 471.**

Sincerely,

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