



March 20, 2017

Assemblymember Jim Wood, Chairman
Assembly Health Committee
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RE: SUPPORT AB 700 (Jones-Sawyer) Public health: alcoholism or drug abuse recovery: substance use disorder counselors.

Dear Chairman Wood:

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 700 because a professional and qualified counseling system is key to building public support for recovery, reducing relapse, and saving the public health system from costly alcohol-related harm.

AB 700 will help reduce alcohol-related problems in California and that is a very good thing because the state already suffers more than \$35 billion dollars in alcohol-related harm with 10,500 alcohol-related deaths annually.

Please vote YES on AB 700.

Sincerely,

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