



March 20, 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 997 (Aguiar-Curry) Alcoholic beverage licensees: winegrowers and beer manufacturers.**

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 AB 997 because separate licenses for on-sale consumption deserve to be separated, as liability for over-serving is the duty of each liability and cannot be monitored when sharing patrons.

We are also opposed to AB 997 because it will increase the threat of alcohol-related problems, and California already suffers more than \$35 billion dollars in alcohol-related harm with 10,500 alcohol-related deaths annually.

**Please vote NO on AB 997.**

Sincerely,

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