



March 15, 2017

Senator Steven Glazer  
Chair, California Senate Governmental Organization Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 584  
Sacramento, CA 95814

via fax: 916 445-5258

**RE: OPPOSE SB 228 (Dodd) Alcoholic beverage control: public school houses**

Dear Chairman Glazer:

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 Dodd's SB 228 because:

- Alcoholic beverages should not be available on property that is primarily devoted to the education of children.
- Granting yet another regulatory exemption for a segment of the alcohol industry only further erodes fair and effective alcohol regulation in California.
- It is absurd for educational facilities to train students on how to brew and/or taste alcohol with no requirements for training them in responsible beverage service, or educating them on the public health and safety harms of alcohol.

Most importantly, we oppose SB 228 because California already suffers more than \$35 billion dollars in alcohol-related harm and 10,500 alcohol-related deaths annually. If SB 228 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 SB 228.**

Sincerely,

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