



March 30, 2017

Senator Jerry Hill
Chair, California Senate Committee on Business, Professions & Economic Development
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento, CA 95814

via fax: 916 324-0917

RE: SB 254 (Portantino) OPPOSE UNLESS AMMENDED
Delivery network companies: deliveries of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.

Dear Chairman Hill:

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.

Home delivery of alcohol and tobacco is sad but it already is taking place in California. The restriction in this bill on delivery to college campuses is appreciated, but this bill does not specify how delivery persons will be trained, how age will be verified, and other limits on time of delivery or location. Unless those considerations are addressed by amendments we cannot support the measure.

California already suffers more than \$35 billion dollars in alcohol-related harm and 10,500 alcohol-related deaths annually. If SB 254 is passed and signed into law without the amendments we suggest, it will negatively impact public health and safety and increase the potential of alcohol-related problems.

Please vote NO on SB 254 unless it is amended.

Sincerely,

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cc: - *Members of Senate Committee on Business, Professions & Economic Development*
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