KASSIK'S BREWERY
KENAI, ALASKA
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To the Honorable Kurt Olson
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol, Room 24
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Olson:

We are writing to you today on behalf of Kassik's Brewery and small brewers across Alaska that would be detrimentally harmed by House Bill 248, the alcohol tax bill.

As you know, Kassik's Brewery is a small family-owned business in the heart of Nikiski that prides itself on strong Alaska roots. In the almost 10 years since we opened our doors, we have worked hard to expand our reach across the State and share our great product with fellow hard-working Alaskans.

As a manufacturing facility, the cost to produce our product in Alaska is an expensive venture just dealing with shipping product into the state.

We understand that Alaska is in a budget crisis and the governor is searching for new revenue, but Alaskans are already taxed at some of the highest rates in the nation on alcohol. HB 248 would DOUBLE the current alcohol excise tax, which for beer is *already the second highest in the nation* at $1.07 per gallon, and for small breweries .35 per gallon.

Representative Olson, I urge you to consider the facts: Alaska's liquor licensees are among the most taxed in the nation. With a contribution of nearly $40,000,000 in liquor taxes to the general fund annually, we are paying our fair share.

Please do not support House Bill 248.

Respectfully,

Frank & Debara Kassik
Kassik's Brewery