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То:	Representative Kurt Olson
From:	Alice Kerkvliet
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Subject:	HB125 - regarding moving the ABC Board from Department of Public Safety to the Department of Commerce

My name is Alice Kerkvliet and I have been the owner of Mykel's Restaurant & Lounge since 1999. In my 12 years owning/managing the restaurant/bar and my exchanges with the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, I have had nothing but positive experiences. They have helped clarify my questions, educated me and provided a good resource to me as a liquor licensee. I understand the need for laws and controls in the beverage industry so that the privilege of buying, selling and consuming alcohol are not abused and thereby allowed to continue in a safe, controlled manner. I believe the ABC board and Director, Shirley Gifford are doing a good job through the Department of Public Safety. They balance their duties to protect the public's safety, promote lawful conduct in the industry and allow mindful owners of licenses to continue doing business.

I believe that provided you conduct your business in a lawful manner, then there is no need to fear regulation and regulation checks. Compliance checks are not a threat to our operations, but rather proof that owners and operators are knowledgeable and compliant with the laws. We should not resent being held accountable for responsible and legal sales, but instead work together with the ABC Board and law enforcement officials to promote safe, fair and lawful alcohol service. In my opinion, the ABC Board is currently doing a good job in the Department of Public Safety and should remain in that department as opposed to moving over to the Department of Commerce.

Thank you for reading and considering my opinion on the subject of HB125. I will be out of state during these hearings, but you may contact me via my cell phone if you have any questions; 907-398-3693.

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