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I am the owner of the Seward brewing Co. My husband and I purchased the business in April 2014. We have been in the service industry in AK for a total of 40 years, 20 years each. I am opposed to Tax Bill HB 248. It would double the alcohol tax. AK already has the highest tax on wine and second highest on beer and hard alcohol in the nation. I understand that the state has a huge budget problem and I know sacrifices have to be made. It seems that whenever there is a shortfall, the first place the state turns is to alcohol and tobacco users. It is extremely unfair to target a specific group when the problem must be shared by all Alaskans. Especially since this group already pays taxes 3 times the national average for the same goods. It is being proposed that Alaskans pay taxes over 6 times the national average. This is simply unacceptable.

Thank you for your consideration with this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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