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To: <Rep.Shelley.Hughes@akleg.gov>

Subject: HD 248

Dear Rep Hughes,

I wanted to let you know that we are not either for or against HB 248, even though Alaska has some of the highest excise taxes in the nation (the **highest** on wine). We are willing to do our part to balance the budget.

What we are concerned with is that Alaska Brewers are afforded an exemption (from \$1.07 to \$.35 then going from \$2.14 to \$.70 in HB 248) while Alaska Wineries are not. Why? We are going to pay \$5.00 per gallon while they pay \$.70? Really? Please amend this bill to either eliminate the breweries exemption or grant Alaska wineries the same exemption. We are trying to compete with alcohol from outside the state just as they are. Thank you.

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