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Hello Senate and Finance Committee,

Three years ago Girdwood Brewing Company opened, with three of us owners doing everything. We now have 15 well paid employees on staff. During this time, we have also sponsored a myriad of nonprofits and hosted numerous local businesses. People are now coming to Girdwood to visit “the brewery”. It is clear, locally manufactured beer creates jobs and drives tourists to our state.

Girdwood Brewing Company supports Senate Bill 52. It is the product of eight years of stakeholder engagement, with meaningful improvements for public health, public safety, and all three tiers of the industry. The BGA and CHARR worked this past year to come to an agreement, so that both entities can fully support SB 52. Language has been drafted that addresses entertainment, operating hours, and creates a more balanced and healthy industry. We would ask legislators support these changes.

Thank you for your work and consideration,

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