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Senator Peter Micciche
State Capitol Room 504
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: SB 52, Regulation of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Dear Senator Micciche,

Alaska Berries winery was licensed in 2012, at which point we could begin to make wine. We are an example of a relatively new small business in Alaska working to provide Alaska Grown products to our fellow Alaskans. While we don't agree with all of the existing statutes and regulations, we feel they are more reasonable than the changes proposed in SB 52, pertaining to the regulation of alcoholic beverage control.

As stakeholders in the process, we are very aware of how the proposed changes will affect anyone operating a small winery in Alaska. Since there are so few wineries in the state, we also believe that the proposed changes severely and negatively impact our small industry in a disproportionate manner.

Some of the proposed changes are unneeded, while some are too restrictive and do not support an Alaska small business model. Multiple license requirements increase paperwork for both parties where one license is efficient, streamlined and straightforward. Requiring multiple licenses and fees to do what we are currently doing is a step backward for us all.

Attached are some suggestions we believe would increase revenue to the State, not require additional staff time, while allowing us the ability to continue to run our business in a prudent manner. We are offering our suggestions in written form to make you are aware of the impact of the proposed changes.

We appreciate your consideration and would be happy to discuss the proposed changes and our ideas for alternative solutions.

Sincerely,



Brian Olson



Laurie Olson