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Members of the House Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB9 in yesterday's (3.30.22) hearing. As you heard from me and from former Trust CEO Jeff Jessee, the Trust has long been a proponent of revisions to Title 4, and has actively supported the stakeholder driven process to reach the compromise language in SB9.

Yesterday, Rep. Wool asked if the Trust had a position on past bills that addressed alcohol law/outlet density. The Trust has actively supported past efforts to comprehensively address Title 4 statutes, and throughout has worked to maintain a balanced approach that is supported by industry and public health. We urge passage of SB9 as-is, as it maintains that balanced approach and the broad support it has earned.

More specifically to Rep. Wool's question, the Trust's advocacy on alcohol policy has focused on public health; we did not take a position on past bills concentrating on breweries or distilleries.

Thank you, and please feel free to follow up should you have additional questions.

Respectfully,
Allison

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