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Sent: Friday, April 01, 2022 7:22 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Fwd: SB 9 written testimony - Wine Institute
Attachments: image001.png; AK SB 9 DTC Testimony -House Finance Committee 3-30-22 -FINAL.pdf

Good morning, I am resubmitting my recent written testimony on SB 9 in the event it was not received when I originally submitted it on March 29th for the March 30th committee hearing.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you!
Sally Jefferson

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From: "Sally H. Jefferson" <sjefferson@wineinstitute.org>
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Subject: SB 9 written testimony - Wine Institute

For the hearing record, please find Wine Institute's attached written testimony for the March 30th House Finance Committee hearing on SB 9.

Thank you for your consideration and if there are any questions please let me know.

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For the hearing record, please find Wine Institute's attached written testimony for the March 30th House Finance Committee hearing on SB 9.

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From: Biastock, Allison E (DOR) <allison.biastock@alaska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 4:34 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: Williams, Stephen F (DOR)
Subject: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Response to question posed during testimony in support of SB9

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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From: Mary O'Neill [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2022 11:01 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Cc: Ed O'Neill
Subject: Senate Bill 9

Submitted to ADN April 1, 2022

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>>>>>>>> Senate Bill 9, or SB 9

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>>>>>>>> This is not good legislation for Alaska. My history and that of my parents and grandparents with Alaska's liquor industry predates most everyone else's, especially the current legislators. Upon leaving Cordova, then going to the Matanuska Valley with the settlers, the O'Neill family settled into Anchorage and the downtown bar and liquor stores business in the 1930's, and those businesses evolved later into stand-alone package liquor store businesses and what was eventually Brown Jug Liquor Stores, established in 1937. We've since sold Brown Jug and I'm retired but somethings never change like one faction of the industry attempting to limit competition. The craft breweries, distilleries, cideries, meaderies, and wineries, those who manufacture alcohol on premise, are here to stay. As well they should be. They are some of the new gathering places, many are very community minded, and they bring a fresh and creative bent to the hospitality industry and to Alaska with their unique products. They are a big part of the future. In many cases they have a competitive edge over typical brand name products. What is important is to encourage free market, competition and the natural evolution of the industry as I've seen personally in my lifetime, in the lower 48 and worldwide. It's called progress. There is no reason this legislation should pass with increased population caps. It's written to restrain trade, stifle competition and discourage creative entrepreneurs. As it is, Alaska's taprooms and tasting rooms have so many limitations and restrictions (events, serving limits and hours of operation) compared to bars and other hospitality type businesses. The current form of this bill stops future growth and potential job opportunities for Alaskans.

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>>>>>>>> Respectfully,

>>>>>>>> Ed O'Neill

>>>>>>>> Former Co-owner Brown Jug Liquor Stores

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Harry, carrying Teresa - shaking hands
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Mrs O'Neill (white hat) shaking hands
with Mrs Harding

HARRY O'NEILL, WIFE AND FAMILY



The above photograph was taken recently in Cordova of Harry I. O'Neill, wife and twelve children, residents of Cordova, where Mr. O'Neill runs one of the largest mercantile establishments in the Copper City.

Mr. O'Neill is not eligible in point of residence for membership in the Pioneers of Alaska, but he is truly a pioneer, for he has made his home in the Northland and ten of the fine boys and girls of his family are Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden North. Mr. O'Neill was born in Fargo, North Dakota, in 1885. He came to Alaska a number of years ago and settled in Cordova, where he has since resided. For many years he was a member of the firm of Blum-O'Neill Company. This firm prospered under his able management, and a short time ago when the Blum interests withdrew, he took over the sole ownership of the business.

Mr. O'Neill was married in Seattle to Miss Florence Leahy, where they resided for a few years. Two of the oldest children were born in the Spirit City, and the ten younger ones were born in Cordova. The O'Neills have a fine home in Cordova and they are active in all things tending to the best interests of their home town.

From Alaska Pathfinder - 1924

From: Ann Robertson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2022 11:44 AM
To: Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Mike Cronk; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Ronald Gillham; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. James Kaufman; Rep. Christopher Kurka; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Ken McCarty; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. David Nelson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Josiah Patkotak; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Calvin Schrage; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky
Subject: Comments on SB 9

Hello Representatives,

Thanks for the opportunity to submit written comments on SB 9. I'm writing today as a private citizen and resident of Juneau.

For the past couple years, I've been tracking the debate around modernizing Title IV to address some of the outdated restrictions on breweries and distilleries in Alaska. I've had the pleasure of seeing a few small breweries and a distillery in Juneau grow into popular businesses that are contributing to our local economy and further solidifying Juneau's reputation as an enjoyable destination for visitors. SB 9 makes important changes that will allow breweries and distilleries to provide more of what the public wants — including extended hours and opportunities to host events or entertainment — but due to the population-based cap on new licenses, I believe SB 9 ultimately falls short of creating a fair, level playing field for breweries and distilleries.

For a state with so many lawmakers that tout free market principles and promote a competitive, open, and entrepreneurial economy, I'm amazed to see SB 9 moving in its current form. The population-based limit on new manufacturer retail licenses is antithetical to free market principles and will stifle competition. I understand the concerns being raised about public safety, but I have yet to see any compelling data that correlates negative public health outcomes with the density of breweries and distilleries in Alaskan communities. Without any actual data to support that correlation, the 1:12,000 limit is a completely arbitrary threshold that unfairly punishes amateur brewers and distillers who may want to take the leap and start a small business in the future.

In my home region of Southeast Alaska, communities welcome over 1,000,000 cruise ship visitors each summer (pandemics notwithstanding). The 12,000-person population cap simply doesn't make sense, especially for communities that experience an enormous influx of seasonal workers and cruise ship passengers in the summer. Should Ketchikan and Sitka really be limited to adding *one* additional brewery or distillery in the future? This seems incredibly anticompetitive and amounts to heavy-handed government intervention to protect bars and other hospitality businesses. That existing breweries are going on the record to support SB 9 in its current form only shows how desperate they are for the Legislature to revise outdated rules and give them the chance to grow their businesses.

I urge you to remove or significantly lower SB 9's population-based cap on new breweries and distilleries.

Thanks again for the opportunity to weigh in — I'm happy to answer any questions by email.

Sincerely,

Ann Robertson
Juneau, Alaska

From: Jeff Baird [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2022 5:47 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Testimony on SB 9

Dear Co-Chair Merrick, Co-Chair Foster, Vice Chair Ortiz, and members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing to urge you to pass Senate Bill 9 in its current form. I have had the pleasure of working for the Rasmuson Foundation for more 12 years. As a statewide grantmaker with a mission of promoting a better life for Alaskans, there's no issue that interferes with the Foundation's work more than alcohol misuse. Healthcare, education, the economy – all core components of the Foundation's grantmaking – are significantly impacted by alcohol misuse, to the detriment of Alaskans, our communities and state. Access to alcohol outlets is a significant factor in alcohol misuse. SB9 as currently written achieves an important balance between providing opportunities for new and existing businesses to grow and succeed, while maintaining limits on the density of retail licenses in a community. Research consistently shows that the more outlets for alcohol, the more associated harms including crime and violence. Amending the bill to alter population limits will undermine the shared effort to shift toward better operating models for the industry, while protecting health by maintaining clear limits on outlet density. Thank you for making Senate Bill 9 a priority this session, and we urge you to pass it in its current form.

Sincerely,

Jeff Baird
Chief of Staff
Rasmuson Foundation
[REDACTED]

From: Tiffany Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2022 3:30 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Follow up on SB9
Attachments: RecoverAK, SB 9 Public Health Benefits_2022.pdf; RecoverAK, SB 9 Public Health Benefits_1pg_2022.pdf

Hello House Finance Committee,

I wanted to follow up on some of the great questions we heard in the hearings on SB9. Attached please find brief write-ups of health and safety rationale behind some of the changes in SB9 (one version is 1-page, the other 3-page has a bit more research included). Please let me know if you have further questions.

Best,
Tiffany

Tiffany Hall

[Executive Director](#) | she/her



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Dena'inaq e'nen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)

I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina. (English)

Translation by J. Isaak and S. Shaginoff-Stuart

From: Matt Rafferty [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 9:52 PM
To: Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Ben Carpenter
Subject: SB9 Testimony

Hello House Finance Committee Members,

I was unable to attend the public testimony in the House Finance Committee today on SB9 and wanted to share thoughts that I would have given as testimony.

There is a lot to like in SB 9 and I appreciate the work that has gone into it. It would spur a much-needed overhaul to Alaska's alcohol laws. It would benefit current businesses by allowing breweries to stay open until 10 PM, for example, have four live music events per year, and manufacture greater quantities of their products. These are great and needed changes.

I am deeply opposed, however, to increasing the population limits from 1:3,000 to 1 to 1:12,000. This change will stifle economic development in communities across Alaska. By some accounts, these new restrictions would make the creation of new breweries (or distilleries or wineries) impossible in every community in Alaska except Anchorage.

As I walk down Franklin Street in Juneau, for example, I see abandoned and boarded up buildings on one-side of the road, and the vibrant and bustling Devil's Club Brewery and Amalga Distillery on the other side of the street. These storefronts would likely be empty without these local entrepreneurs that have invested their hearts and souls into their businesses. SB9's current population limits would prohibit any new businesses like these from opening in Juneau. Why would we deny other entrepreneurs from contributing to and improving our economy?

These local businesses, and ones like them across the state, in Fairbanks, Cooper Landing, Talkeetna, Soldotna, Homer, Anchorage, Girdwood, Eagle River, Palmer and more, have been bright spots in Alaska's economy over the last decade. They have spurred local economic development, increased opportunities for tourists and locals to support Alaskan businesses, created gathering places for Alaskans, and redeveloped blighted buildings and dilapidated parts of towns. They make Alaska better, for Alaskans and the millions of visitors that come here every year.

These drastic new population restrictions in SB9 are anti-competitive, top-down, and fly in the face of the Alaskan spirit. You want to talk about overreach, how about telling someone they can't open a business because someone beat them to it before a law was passed. Let's face it, these

restrictions are being proposed by current businesses as a means to prevent competition. They award mediocrity and the status quo, not independence and economic development.

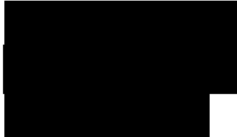
Some will argue that these restrictions help limit addiction and alcohol abuse, but if that were truly the aim, then the restrictive limits would be placed on the large alcohol manufacturers, not Alaskan small business owners. I bet there is a lot more Budweiser consumed in Alaska than IPAs from Girdwood Brewing, porters from Hoodoo Brewing, and pilsners from Kenai River Brewing.

Others will argue that this is a big compromise from the alcohol industry and that the bill will fall apart if any changes are made. In reality, SB9 was hashed out behind closed doors by people already profiting from the industry. That process lacked public input or scrutiny until now. Also, I must remind you that an industry that stands to increase their profit from decreased competition are not responsible for writing laws. You, as legislators, decide what becomes law. I say let the brewers brew, the distillers distill, and the lawmakers make laws.

Please keep our economy vibrant, growing, and competitive. I ask that you amend SB 9 to keep the population limits at the current level of 1:3,000. If that amendment fails, I urge you to vote against its passage.

Thank You,

Matt Rafferty

 Anchorage

From: Ephraim Froehlich [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Daniel Ortiz
Subject: Testimony on SB9

Good Morning House of Representative Finance Committee Co-Chairs and Vice Chair -

My name is Ephraim Froehlich, a born and raised Alaskan and current Juneau resident. I am a policy consultant and small business owner here in Juneau where I live with my partner and two children.

I write today to provide testimony on SB9, a bill I was very excited about when I first heard of its introduction. However, upon review, I have grown quite concerned with “poison-pill” language nested within the otherwise positive legislation.

I appreciate the work that has gone into SB9, including from legislators, stakeholders, staff, and the public. I understand it has been a multi-year effort and folks do not want to lose out on an opportunity to modernize some of our state’s more archaic laws surrounding alcohol laws. For example, it would benefit current businesses by allowing breweries to stay open until 10 p.m., have four live music events per year (it should be even more), and manufacture greater quantities of their products. These are all great changes that will benefit communities - breweries, for example, are a gathering space for folks like me who have families. It is a community space where all are welcome.

Unfortunately, SB 9 also changes population limits from 1:3,000 to 1:12,000, which makes the creation of new breweries (or, distilleries or wineries) 400% more restrictive and impossible in almost all Alaskan communities except Anchorage. This is not based in science, data, or any defensible methodology I am aware of, but will actively hinder our futures. The recent expansion of Juneau’s brewery-scene has been huge for our community. Limiting further expansion in Juneau or opportunity in other places, without legitimate reasoning is tragic. This creates a new limited-entry system that will benefit the privileged few with access to capital and connections, who were able to open these businesses early and shut out most all other Alaskans from opportunity.

These businesses have been a bright spot of local creativity and entrepreneurialism across Alaska, spurring local economic development, increasing opportunities for tourists to support local businesses, and creating gathering places for Alaskans. They have beautified blighted buildings and developed new areas in communities. It has been a renaissance for Juneau’s downtown and I want that same opportunity to be had by others in my own community as well as in smaller communities around the state. Why would we limit opportunity and competition? Alaskan entrepreneurs should have the opportunity to start a new brewery or distillery.

Some will argue that it helps with addiction, but if that were truly the aim, the limits would be placed on the large alcohol manufacturers, liquor stores, and bars, not Alaskan small business owners. By current law, you cannot be over-served at a local brewery, winery, or distillery like you can at a bar or restaurant with a license.

Some will also argue that it is a compromise from the alcohol industry and it will fall apart if any changes are made. That is no excuse to pass bad provisions. In reality, this language was written without the input of the public and you, as legislators and a committee of jurisdiction, decide what becomes law, not existing business owners that will stand to profit due to a non-competitive marketplace. Some in the bar and restaurant industry has gone out of its way to harm this new and burgeoning underdog industry at every turn - we need our legislators to stand up for everyday Alaskans.

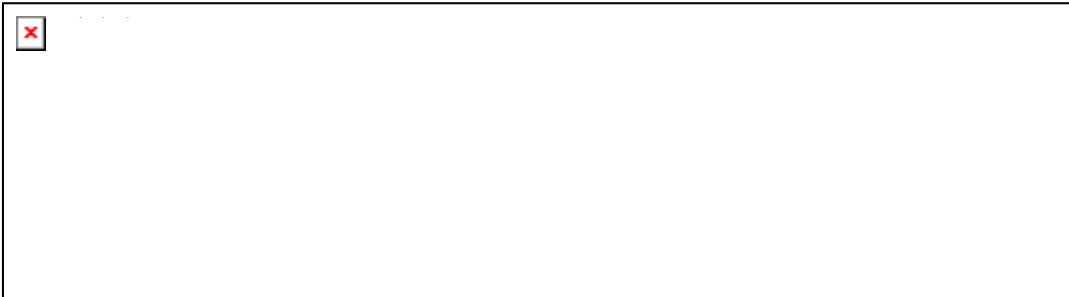
I urge you to amend SB 9 so that the population limits stay at 1:3,000 and if that amendment fails, vote against its passage. We should not allow bad-faith provisions to become law - we should strive to pass the best laws we can.

Thank you for all you do for our state. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comment.

Best,

Ephraim D. Froehlich

From: Graham <graham@akpirg.org>
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To: House Finance
Cc: Veri di Suvero
Subject: Testimony on SB09
Attachments: SB09 AKPIRG Comment.pdf



The Alaska Public Interest Research Group (AKPIRG) is writing today to support SB09. This bill is a critical step towards making a safer, healthier Alaska and although we foresee some unintended consequences, we support the passage of this bill.

AKPIRG is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 1974. Our mission is to educate, advocate, and research on behalf of Alaskan consumers and the public interest. To our knowledge, we are the only non-governmental, state-wide consumer interest group in Alaska.

We recognize that SB09 was crafted through years of difficult compromise between breweries, bars, and public health advocates. These groups should be commended for their willingness to work together to craft this much needed reform.

In particular, we applaud the public health advocates who have diligently worked to ensure that SB09 addresses the devastating risks of alcohol abuse. Thanks to these public health advocates, this bill does much to protect vulnerable Alaskans and provide for a healthier state.

We write today to support SB09. We believe SB09 adds clarity and consistency to our laws. It is a broadly effective and forward-thinking law that will help protect Alaskans.

We do, however, have one concern. While this bill opens up greater opportunities and increases flexibility for the existing industry, we are concerned that it creates higher barriers to entry for new brewery, distillery, and winery businesses. The high population limits on Manufacturer Retail Licenses (Sec. 50, p.71-72) will likely have anticompetitive effects.

Under SB09, Manufacturer Retail Licenses, aka tasting room licenses, would be limited to 1 license per 12,000 citizens per jurisdiction. For reference, the current limit is 1 per 3,000. Outside of Anchorage, this change will effectively allow only one brewery tasting room per jurisdiction. In places that already have a brewery with a tasting room, this law will allow new breweries but prevent new tasting rooms.

Thanks to SB09's reforms, the tasting room license wouldn't be the only license available to breweries. That's a good change. If SB09 passes, breweries may attempt to obtain another type of retail license, such as a Restaurant (REPL) or Bar (BDL) license. And they could still simply manufacture beer, without making retail sales.

But, recent experience shows us that tasting rooms provide a helpful launching point for new breweries. And while

Restaurant licenses (REPLs) are more available, asking a business to succeed not only as a new brewery but also as a new restaurant is a big ask given the high failure rate of restaurants. Furthermore, the option of applying for other licenses, particularly Bar licenses, may be unachievable since those licenses are often already exhausted.

The current trouble with Bar licenses (BDLs) is perhaps indicative of the problems that might be created by limited Brewery Retail licenses. For many places, the Bar license (BDL) limit has already been met (or even exceeded thanks to grandfathered-in bars). To start a new bar, a business must find and purchase the license from a current bar. When they are sold, which may not happen for years, Bar licenses can go for hundreds of thousands of dollars. This system creates windfall profits for the folks lucky enough to currently hold a license, but it has negative effects for new businesses and for consumers.

In a [2022 Report, the Department of Treasury, Federal Trade Commission, and U.S. Attorney General's office](#), found that while micro-breweries have grown rapidly, the industry is still deeply limited by anti-competitive laws. This report calls on state legislatures to reform out-dated laws to promote an even playing field for smaller, local producers. Pro-competition reforms, they suggest, will help promote innovation, grow local economies, reduce prices, and increase quality.

SB09's reforms do much to simplify the regulatory landscape, which does help to even the playing field and achieve the Report's suggestions. But the high population limits on Manufacturer Retail licenses may tend to work in the other direction, creating even more anti-competitive pressure.

We worry that the limit on tasting rooms is less a matter of public health, than an attempt to prevent competition. At 1 per 12,000 residents, Manufacturer Retail licenses have the highest limit in the bill. In contrast, restaurant licenses (REPLs) are permitted at 1 per 1,500 residents. We question whether tasting rooms, where customers may only be served 3 drinks per visit, are eight times as hazardous as a restaurant.

We believe that new breweries, distilleries, and wineries can add much to our state, not only economically but also socially. As truly local businesses selling local products, they can be important sources of community. Local micro-manufacturers respond to local demand, create a distinctive culture that attracts tourists, and generally improve our quality of life. We worry that SB09s high population limits may impede the growth of this industry, increase prices, and reduce choices for consumers.

That said, we applaud the vast majority of the bill. Despite the issue with high population limits, this is a needed reform that contains critical components and has been the product of many years of thoughtful work. We believe the bill would be stronger with the change of population limits, but regardless, we urge you to pass SB09.

We thank all the advocates and legislators who have ushered the bill to this point. And we thank the committee for considering our comments.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

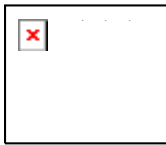
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Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 10:46 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB9 Public Testimony - Alaska Children's Trust
Attachments: 2022.3.30 - SB 9 Alcohol Reform Public Testimony - ACT.pdf

Good morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 9. Attached please a copy of verbal testimony provided to the House Finance Committee this morning on behalf of the Alaska Children's Trust.

Thank you kindly,



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Together we can prevent
child abuse and neglect



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I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina. (English)

Translation by J. Isaak and S. Shaginoff-Stuart

From: Lance E. Johnson <lejohnson@NSHCORP.ORG>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 10:25 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Support for Senate Bill 9

Hello, Co-Chairs Foster and Merrick and members of the House Finance Committee.

I was unable to stay on the line during the March 30 public testimony, so please accept the following as my supportive position on SB9 as it is without amendments:

A lot of hard work has gone into SB9 over the years, and it has a lot of strengths that will serve the people of Alaska well, including regulating internet sales that will protect our youth and their families and maintaining outlet density rules. Based on what I experience and see in a rural Alaska community, that last one that really speaks to me as a substance abuse treatment provider in Nome.

We just finished Iditarod where our residents and visitors had their share of outlets serving alcohol to choose from. Conveniently for them, they could hop from one to the next without calling a cab or being outside long enough to catch a chill. This is because Front Street, our main avenue in town, currently has 7 bars, 1 liquor store, and 3 licensed restaurants within less than a 4 block strip. Incredibly, in the late fall, the small, 9-aisle local Carrs Store received a license and is now selling spirits – and it's only 3 blocks from Front Street.

If there's an unlimited amount of alcohol outlets – licensed stores, bars, restaurants – allowed and weakly regulated, our already staggering numbers of alcohol related concerns will skyrocket with increased crime, homelessness, and death, and the dependency on emergency resources will be further stressed in an already overburdened system.

Just by example as to what we experience in Nome: in 2021, the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department serviced 616 calls with 424 of them involving substances, mostly alcohol - an astounding 68.8% of all calls - totaling 27,984 hours of response time. The Nome Police Department (NPD) reports 3,394 alcohol-related calls in 2021 with 73% of *all* arrests alcohol-related. The Ambulance Department has 7 regular first responders; and the police department has 10 officers to respond to these calls.

You have the legislation in front of you as it is to address these statewide concerns and address substance abuse as the healthcare crisis it is.

I appreciate your consideration of this important Bill and look forward to its passage without amendments helping to push forward a healthier Alaska.

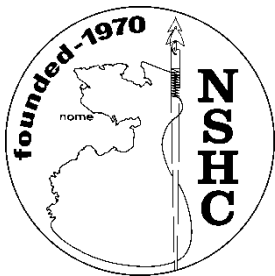
Thank you for all of your tireless work on behalf of the people of Alaska.

Lance E Johnson, Administrative Director for Behavioral Health Services
Norton Sound Health Corporation

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From: Christine Ermold [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:42 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Christine Ermold
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March 30, 2022

Dear Kelly Merrick,

As an adult lifelong Alaskan, I encourage you to amend Senate Bill 9 to allow the purchase of up to 18 cases of wine per year per winery, rather than the three-case limit currently included in the bill's language.

The three case limit proposed will have a negative impact on the sales tax currently collected in places like the Kenai Peninsula Borough, where I pay sales tax on the -at least- 12 cases I order for personal consumption per year.

Today, most states limit annual direct shipments to between 12 and 24 cases per person per winery; some states have no limit. Also, the 1 case limit per transaction of Senate Bill 9 is very unusual, if not entirely ridiculous.

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Alaska wine consumers deserve real choice in their wine purchases, and to support the family-owned wineries locally and spread throughout the U.S. It's a simple change that will bring Alaska in line with proven winery shipping laws, especially when you take into consideration that we already must pay higher shipping than consumers in most other states.

I appreciate your time and attention on this important consumer issue.

Christine Ermold, Ed.D.
Soldotna, AK (Mailing Address)
Sterling, AK (Physical Address)

Sincerely,
Christine Ermold, Ed.D.

From: Thor Lindstam [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: SB9 Concern

Hey Kelly,

I am writing you out of concern for what is in SB9...

Senate Bill 9 will prevent me from opening a brewery/taproom in my city by limiting the number of licenses from one in 3,000 people to one for every 12,000 people. When I first heard about the bill, I cheered for its contents. I think craft cocktails and craft beer taste great after 8pm, so I rooted for the extended operating hours as provided on page 23, line 24 of SB9. However, while I cheered for SB9, I was unaware of what lurked on **Page 72 Line 09**, where my dream of opening a retail brewery is eliminated; where the number of taprooms/tasting rooms (all together) allowed in Juneau are reduced from ten to two. SB9 will benefit current business owners at the expense of future business owners like myself.

Personal ambitions aside, smaller communities with tourist traffic should not be limited in this way.

Thanks for your time,
Thor Lindstam
Juneau, AK

From: Sherry Stead [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 12:06 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB 9 testimony

Hello Finance Committee,
I want to thank you for your diligence on this bill.
My public testimony will be as follows-

- I am asking for an amendment to keep the current Statutes Sec 04.11.130, 140, and 170 for Brewery, Winery and Distillery licenses with 1 per 3,000 population. One license for 1 manufacturing with adjoining tasting room and all current restrictions. Breweries are tap rooms. The current Statutes have allowed a thriving and successful business model for Alaska's craft industry growth. There is room for more growth.
- SB 9 legislates out hundreds of new business opportunities in every community in Alaska. Let's keep local control over the current remaining licenses and not legislate out new opportunities for future business growth. A community has to approve a new license application before it goes before the State Board. If a community does not want an additional license, they can Protest an application.
- Keeping new business growth available for Made in Alaska where locals and tourists can purchase locally made product keeps our economy healthy and growing.
- Alaska has over 6,000 liquor licenses. Only Breweries, Wineries and Distillery license fees are being increased.

- 97% of the beer manufactured in Alaska is distributed. Only 3% is sold through a taproom, yet that future growth opportunity is being removed.
- The "amazing opportunities" SB 9 offers new breweries are already available . Twenty breweries have legally purchased BDL, Brew Pub or Restaurant Eating Place Licenses. These additional licenses allow these breweries to not be restricted by the current taproom limitations.
- Tap rooms are family and friend gathering spots for locals year round and bring value to their community.
- SB 9 will legislate out new growth that will STRICTLY benefit current alcohol serving establishments and distributors. It sets up monopolies in our small communities, limits competition and stops future business growth across Alaska.

Thank you,
Sherry Stead

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Imagine a map of our community. Imagine the map is full of **red dots**, each representing a moment **when someone uses words or actions to harm another person.**

Now imagine a **green dot** appearing on the map. A green dot is simply **a moment when someone uses words or actions to make our communities safer.** You mention violence prevention in your staff meeting. A green dot appears. A teen stands up to a bully. Another green dot. Each of these single moments matter deeply to the people whose lives you touch. **No one has to do everything, but everyone has to do something.** What's your GREEN DOT?

From: Amy Achter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 6:43 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Amy Achter
[REDACTED]
Kenai, AK 99611

April 11, 2022

Dear Kelly Merrick,

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I appreciate your time and attention on this important consumer issue.

Sincerely

Sincerely,
Amy Achter

From: Matthew Forester [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2022 10:32 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Matthew Forester
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99508

April 11, 2022

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Sincerely,
Matthew Forester

From: Mark Boberick [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2022 7:41 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Mark Boberick
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99701

April 10, 2022

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Sincerely

Sincerely,
Mark Boberick

From: James Majors [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2022 5:52 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

James Majors
[REDACTED]
Glennallen, AK 99588

April 1, 2022

Dear Kelly Merrick,

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Sincerely

Sincerely,
James Majors

From: Patrick Peterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Patrick Peterson
[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99687

March 30, 2022

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Sincerely

Sincerely,
Patrick Peterson

From: Carol Clausson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Carol Clausson
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99516

March 30, 2022

Dear Kelly Merrick,

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I appreciate your time and attention on this important consumer issue.

Sincerely

Sincerely,
Carol Clausson

From: Robert Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:10 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Robert Taylor
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99504

March 30, 2022

Dear Kelly Merrick,

As an adult Alaskan, I encourage you to amend Senate Bill 9 to allow customers to purchase up to 12 cases of wine per year per winery, rather than the three-case limit currently included in the bill's language. This is a blatant attempt by Senator Micciche to restrict the interstate commerce of wine to such an extent that it gives local wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages a clear advantage. Furthermore it trespasses on the general laissez faire principles of the Republican Party regarding how businesses should be regulated or not regulated at all. Imagine the reaction of Alaskans if similar restrictions by Senator Micciche for wine, were also implemented regarding ammunition purchases by Alaskans!

Today, most states limit annual direct shipments to between 12 and 24 cases per person per winery; some states have no limit. Also, the 1 case limit per transaction of Senate Bill 9 is very unusual, if not unique. It is tantamount to prohibition. The lack of freedom in this bill will make the mask mandates in some cities seem like child's play. That was a piece of paper that somewhat restricted the ability to shop whereas this is affecting what Alaskans drink and who they buy it from.

Also, while the bill's language gives a nod to our dry and damp villages, it is an ineffective nod since every box I have ever had delivered by winery direct shipping to Alaska has always been clearly marked as wine and easily identifiable to avoid "sneaking" such a purchase past law enforcement charged with enforcing dry and damp laws. Also, we all know the real problem in dry villages are the home brewers. This bill's language imposes undue burden and bureaucracy without really correcting the problem.

Today, 47 states, including Alaska, allow winery-to-consumer shipping, and there is a winery in each of the 50 states. Changing the case limit to be aligned with other states won't hurt our local wine retailers or wholesalers. Legal, regulated direct shipping can grow brands and boost local sales, as has been the case in other states. In fact, regarding my own personal wine purchases, I tend to purchase online through wine clubs from wineries I have visited while on vacation and I tend to purchase wines not available in Brown Jug or La Bodega, the two local stores I frequent.

By keeping the status quo or by increasing the number of cases that can be purchased from one winery, Alaska wine consumers have real choice in their wine purchases, and will support the family-owned wineries locally and it will spread goodwill throughout the U.S. It's a simple change that will bring Alaska in line with proven winery shipping laws.

I appreciate your time and attention on this important consumer issue. Remember to side with freedom!

Sincerely

Sincerely,
Robert Taylor

From: Cindy Frazier [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:20 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Cindy Frazier
[REDACTED]
Homer, AK 99603

March 30, 2022

Dear Kelly Merrick,

As an adult Alaskan, I encourage you to amend Senate Bill 9 to allow wine lovers like me to purchase up to 12 cases of wine per year per winery, rather than the three-case limit currently included in the bill's language.

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I appreciate your time and attention on this important consumer issue.

Sincerely

Sincerely,
Cindy Frazier

From: Timothy Peterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Timothy Peterson
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

March 30, 2022

Dear Kelly Merrick,

Please amend Senate Bill 9. If I can purchase as many firearms as I like, I should be able to purchase the wine I like. Choices are limited in AK and prices are high. I should be allowed to purchase up to at least six cases of wine per year per winery.

The three-case limit is arbitrary. It helps distributors and hurts consumers. Help us bring inflation down! We deserve choice. Thanks for your consideration.

I appreciate your time and attention on this important consumer issue.

Sincerely

Sincerely,
Timothy Peterson

From: Derrick Mells [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 9:45 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Derrick Mells
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99502

March 30, 2022

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Sincerely

Sincerely,
Derrick Mells

From: Carol Clausson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 9:44 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Carol Clausson
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99516

March 30, 2022

Dear Kelly Merrick,

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Carol Clausson

From: Matt Connelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:40 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Matt Connelly
[REDACTED]
Anchor point, AK 99556

March 30, 2022

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Sincerely,
Matt Connelly

From: Juliana May [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:38 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Juliana May
[REDACTED]
Sterling, AK 99672

March 30, 2022

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Sincerely

Sincerely,
Juliana May

From: Lotte Nunallee [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:50 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Lotte Nunallee
[REDACTED]
Anchor is, AK 99601

March 30, 2022

Dear Kelly Merrick,

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Sincerely

Sincerely,
Lotte Nunallee

From: Matthew Swain [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:10 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Matthew Swain
[REDACTED]
Anchor Point, AK 99556

March 30, 2022

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Sincerely

Sincerely,
Matthew Swain

From: Kelly Bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:39 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Kelly Bennett
[REDACTED]
Kodiak, AK 99615

March 30, 2022

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Sincerely

Sincerely,
Kelly Bennett

From: Jeanne Nason [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:32 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Jeanne Nason
[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

March 30, 2022

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Jeanne Nason

From: April Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 1:22 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

April Johnson
[REDACTED]
North Pole, AK 99705

March 30, 2022

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[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

March 30, 2022

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Jeanne Nason

From: Melissa Albert [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 5:57 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Melissa Albert
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99502

March 30, 2022

Dear Kelly Merrick,

As an adult Alaskan, I encourage you to amend Senate Bill 9 to allow wine lovers like me to purchase up to 12 cases of wine per year per winery, rather than the three-case limit currently included in the bill's language.

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Melissa Albert

From: Xandi Downing [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 5:47 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Xandi Downing
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801-1013

March 30, 2022

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Xandi Downing

From: Sarah Posma [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 6:28 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Sarah Posma
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

March 30, 2022

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From: Valerie Amos [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 6:07 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Valerie Amos
[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

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From: Leanne Hatt [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 6:48 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Leanne Hatt
[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99623

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From: Paige Petr [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 6:48 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Paige Petr
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99507

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John Riblett
[REDACTED]
Chugiak, AK 99567

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To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
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Doreen Rossberg
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99515

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Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 5:36 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

John Combs
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99518

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From: Karen Peterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 1:12 AM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
Subject: Bring Reasonable Winery Direct Shipping Laws to Alaska

Karen Peterson
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99508

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From: April Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:32 AM
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April Johnson
[REDACTED]
North Pole, AK 99705

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From: Richard Behrends [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:49 PM
To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
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Richard Behrends
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99802

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