



March 18, 2024

Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
Senator Matt Klein
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2105

Dear Chair Klein:

We are writing collectively to OPPOSE Senate File 1306 (Rasmusson), Commonly owned liquor stores transfer of wine authorization.

Our organizations represent Minnesota's small, family-owned liquor retailers, both on-sale (at bars and restaurants) and off-sale (at liquor stores) (MLBA) as well as municipally owned and operated on-sale and off-sale alcohol beverage facilities (MMBA). We also represent distributors that are licensed by both federal and state governments and help producers of all sizes grow by delivering a wide selection of brands to licensed retailers through a safe, transparent, and accountable regulatory system.

Allowing retailers (off-sale intoxicating liquor license holders) to transfer product from one store to another puts ALL independent retailers at a disadvantage. We also know this promotes central warehousing by big box retail and circumvents the current 3-tiered system.

Sincerely,

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