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

Dear Chair Klein:

We are writing to OPPOSE Senate File 3396 (Klein), Limited malt liquor and food retailer definition. We OPPOSE allowing strong beer sales in grocery and convenience stores.

Essentially, "Alcohol Everywhere" will hurt local liquor stores, local choices for consumers, and locally-made products.

- Currently, Minnesota enjoy unprecedented wine, beer, and spirits product availability and choice at affordable prices. This comes from our current smart and balanced alcohol regulations. However in states with different regulations, there is dramatically less product choices for consumers.
- The legislation is unnecessary. Grocery and convenience stores can already sell beer, wine, and liquor. As long as they follow the existing smart and balanced liquor store laws, there is no legal impediment. In fact, over 220 stores in Minnesota already do!
- There is no evidence consumers are having difficulty obtaining alcohol. Beer manufacturers have not indicated they plan to stop producing 3.2% beer (which is 4.0% ABV). In, fact, low alcohol beer is a growing trend! A list of all the products currently available in Minnesota can be found below.
- Easier access to alcohol, a controlled substance, shouldn't be available to those under 21. And increased access to alcohol – a regulated substance – results in greater alcohol-related societal problems.
- Fiscal impacts would hurt independent, family-run businesses and cities with municipal liquor operations.

Thank you,

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4.0 ABV Beer Currently Available to Minnesota

Retailers:

3rd Street Minnesota Gold Light 2/12 cn
AMSTEL LT 2-12PK 12OZ GL
BELLS LIGHT HEARTED ALE 4/6/12 CAN
Best Day Brewing 2/12 cn
BLUE M LIGHT SKY 4/6/12 CAN
BLUE M LIGHT SKY TROPICAL 2/12/12 CAN
BLUE MOON LT 2-12PK 12OZ CN SL
Boulevard Quirk Berry Mix Pack 2/12 cn
Boulevard Quirk Cherry 4/6 cn
Boulevard Quirk Whip Mix Pack 2/12 cn
BOXER LT 36/12 CAN
BUD 3.2% 12PK CAN
Bud Light 2/12 can
BUD LT NEXT 12PKC
Bud Select 55 24/12 cn
Budweiser 3.2
Busch Light 3.2
BUSCH LT PEACH 12PKC
COORS PURE 2/12/12 CAN
CORONA LIGHT 18/12 CAN
CORONA PREMIER 12/24 CAN
CORONA PREMIER 18PK 12OZ GL
CORONA XTRA 4-6PK 12OZ GL
DOGFISH SLIGHTLY MIGHTY 4/6/12 CAN
Estrella Tropical Chamoy Michelada
GOLDEN RD MANGO CART 15 CN 25oz
GRAIN BELT BLU/LEM'N VARIETY 2/12/12 CAN
GRAIN BELT ELITE 2-12PK 12OZ GL
GRAIN BELT LEM'N 2/12/12 CAN
GRAIN BELT LIGHT 2/12/12 CAN
GRAIN BELT LIGHT BLU 2/12/12 CAN
GRAIN BELT PREM LT 2-12PK 12OZ GL
GUINNESS NITRO COLD COFFEE 6/4/14.9 CAN
HEINEKEN LIGHT 2/12/12 NR
Heineken Silver 2/12 nr
KONA HANA LEI 6NR
KONA LONGBORD 12PKC
LABATT BLU LT 2-12PK 11.5OZ GL
LAGUNITAS DAYTIME IPA 2-12PK 12OZ CN
Lake of the Woods Channel Marker (4/6 pack 12oz can)
LEIN HONEY LEMON LIGHT 4/6/12 CAN
LEINENKUG HONEY LEMON LIGHT 2-12PK 12OZ CN
LIFT B BERRY BLONDE 4/6/12 CAN
LIFT B GETAWAY PILSNER 4/6/12 CAN
LIFTB BERRY BLONDE 4/6 CN
LIFTB BLUEBERRY MUFFIN (CUB) 6/4 CN 16oz
LIFTB GETAWAY PILS 2/12 CN
LIFTB PEACH HARD TEA (CUB) 6/4 CN 16oz
LONE RANCH ORIGINAL 4/6/12 CAN
LONE RANCH SPICY 4/6/12 CAN
LONE RANCH WATER VARIETY 2/12/12 CAN
LONE RIVR RANCH WTR RITA VP 2-12PK 12OZ CN
LONE RIVR RANCH WTR VRTY PK 2-12PK 12OZ CN
LOWBREWCO CHANNEL 6PKC
Margaritaville Mango Peach
MARGARITAVILLE STRAW DAIQUIRI 6/4 BTL
MARGARITAVILLE VARIETY 2/12 BTL
MARGRITA TROP MIX 12NR
MIC UL LM PRKLY12NR
MIC UL P GOLD 12NR
MIC ULT 3.2% 6PK BTL
MIC ULT SELZ CLASSC VP12PKC
MIC ULT SELZ ESSNTIAL 12PKC
MIC ULT SELZ SIGNTR VP12PKC
Mic Ultra Lime Infused Prickly Pear (2/12 pack can and 4/6 bottle)
Mic Ultra Organic Seltzers Variety Pack
Classic, Signature, Essential (2/12 pack can)
Mic Ultra Pure Gold (12 pack can and bottle, 4/6 bottle)
Mich Ultra Organic Classic Collection
Mich Ultra Organic Essential Variety
Mich Ultra Organic Signature Collection

MILLER 64 4/6/12 NR
MODELO CHEL FRESA PICANTE 12/24 CAN
MODELO CHEL LIMON Y SAL 12/24 CAN
MODELO CHEL MANGO 12/24 CAN
MODELO CHEL NARANJA PICOSA 12/24 CAN
MODELO CHEL PINA PICANTE 12/24 CAN
MODELO CHEL SANDIA PICANTE 12/24 CAN
MODELO CHELADA 12/24 CAN
MODELO CHELADA 12CT 24OZ CN
MODELO CHELADA FRESA PICANTE 12CT 24OZ CN
MODELO CHELADA LIMON Y SAL 2-12PK 12OZ CN
Modelo Chelada Mango Chile 12/24 cn
Modelo Chelada Naranja Picosa 12/24 cn
Modelo Chelada Pina Picante 12/24 cn
Modelo Chelada Sandia Picante 12/24 cn
MODELO CHELADA VARIETY 2/12/12
CANModelo Chelado Lime 12/24 cn
Modelo Oro 12/24 cn
MOOSEHEAD LIGHT 2/12/12 CAN
MOOSEHEAD RADLER 2/12/12 CAN
MUPG ORGNC MIX12PKC
NAT LT 3.2% 2/15 PKC
OMISSION ULT LIGHT 4/6 CN
PAULANER GRAPEFRT 4PKC
Press Blackberry & Pineapple
Press Blackberry Hibiscus
Press Select 2/12 cn
PRESS SELECT SEASONAL VARIETY 2/12 CN
PRESS SELTZ BLKBRY HIBISCUS 2/12 CN
Press Signature 2/12 cn
Press Synergy 2/12 cn
PRESS SYNERGY VARIETY 2/12 CN
PRESS SYNRGYVP 12PKC
QUIRK BERRY VARIETY 2/12/12 CAN
QUIRK BRY & BOT SPKD MIX 2-12PK 12OZ CN
QUIRK CRAN APPLE 2/12/12 CAN
QUIRK FIZZ VARIETY 2/12/12 CAN
QUIRK FOUNTAIN FIZZ 2-12PK 12OZ CN
QUIRK GRAPE FIZZ 1/6 BBL KEG
QUIRK PINEAPPLE ORNG WHI 1/6 BBL KEG
QUIRK RASP ROCKET POP 1/6 BBL KEG
QUIRK ROCKET POP 2/12/12 CAN
QUIRK SPKD & SPARKL MIX 2-12PK 12OZ CN
QUIRK WHIP VARIETY 2/12/12 CAN
Ranch Water Original 4/6 cn
REDBRIDGE 4/6 BTL
REDBRIDGE 6 PK BTL
SCHELL LIGHT 2/12/12 NR
SCHELL LIGHT 24/12 CAN
SCHELLS LIGHT 1/2 BBL KEG
SCHMIDT LT 30PK 12OZ CN
SCHOFF GRAPEFRUIT 6NR
SCHOFF HAPPY VP12PKC
SCHOFFERH GRPFRT 2-12PK 12OZ CN
SCHOFFERHOFER GRAPEFRUIT 4/6/11.2 NR
SCHOFFERHOFER HAPPY PACK 2/12/11.2 CAN
SEAGR ESCP BAHAMA MAMA 6-4PK 11.2OZ GL
SEAGR ESCP BERRY MIMOSA 6-4PK 11.2OZ GL
SEAGR ESCP BLK CHRY FIZZ 6-4PK 11.2OZ GL
SEAGR ESCP CALYPSO COLADA 24CT 7.5OZ
CNSEAGR ESCP CALYPSO COLADA 6-4PK 11.2OZ GL
SEAGR ESCP JAMAICAN ME HPY 24CT 7.5OZ CN
SEAGR ESCP JAMAICAN ME HPY 6-4PK 11.2OZ GL
SEAGR ESCP JAMAICAN ME HPY VP 2-12PK 11.2OZ GL
SEAGR ESCP JAMAICAN ME HPY VP 2-12PK 12OZ CN
SEAGR ESCP JAMAICAN ME SUNNY 24CT 7.5OZ CN
SEAGR ESCP PCH BELLINI 24CT 7.5OZ CN

SEAGR ESCP PCH BELLINI 6-4PK 11.2OZ GL
SEAGR ESCP STRW DAIQ 24CT 7.5OZ CN
SEAGR ESCP STRW DAIQ 6-4PK 11.2OZ GL
SEAGR ESCP VRTY PK 2-12PK 12OZ CN
SEAGR SPIK JAMAICAN ME HAPPY 12CT 23.5OZ CN
SEAGRAMS ALOHA ICE VARIETY 2/12/11.2 NR
SEAGRAMS BAHAMA MAMA MALT 6/4/11.2 NR
SEAGRAMS BERRY MIMOSA 6/4/11.2 NR
Seagrams Black Cherry 6/4
SEAGRAMS BLK CHERRY FIZZ 6/4/11.2 NR
SEAGRAMS BLUEBERRY LEMONADE 6/4/11.2 NR
SEAGRAMS CALYPSO COLADA 24/7.5 CAN
SEAGRAMS CALYPSO COLADA 6/4/11.2 NR
Seagrams Escape Hola Paradise 2/12 nr
SEAGRAMS HOLA VARIETY 2/12/11.2 NR
Seagrams Italian Ice Variety 2/12 NR
SEAGRAMS ITALIAN ICE VARIETY 2/12/11.2 NR
SEAGRAMS JAMAICAN ME HAPPY 12/23.5 CAN
Seagrams Jamaican Me Happy 12/23.5 oz
SEAGRAMS JAMAICAN ME HAPPY 2/12/12 CAN
SEAGRAMS JAMAICAN VARIETY 2/12/12 CAN
Seagrams Mango Italian Ice 6/4 nr
SEAGRAMS PEACH BELLINI 24/7.5 CAN
SEAGRAMS PEACH BELLINI 6/4/11.2 NR
SEAGRAMS POP & WATCH 2/12/11.2 NR
SEAGRAMS STRAW DAIQUIRI 12/23.5 CAN
Seagrams Variety 2/12 cn
SEAGRAMS VARIETY 2/12/11.2 NR
Seagrams Variety 24/11.2 nr
SEAGRAMS WILD BERRIES MALT 6/4/11.2 NR
Seagrams Wild Berry 6/4 nr
SELECT 55 24 PK CAN
SELECT 55 6 PK BTL
SHINER RUBY REDBIRD 2/12/12 CAN
SHINER SEA SALT & LIME 2/12/12 CAN
SOC SKINNY TIRE 3/10/12 CAN
SOL CHELADA LIMON Y SAL 12/24 CANSOL
CHELADA MANGO 12/24 CAN
SOL LIMON Y SAL 12PK 24OZ CN
SOL MANGO Y CHAMOY 12CT 24OZ CN
SOL VARIETY 2/12/12 CAN
SPINDRIFT SPK BLD ORANGE 3/8/12 CAN
SPINDRIFT SPK PARADISE 2/12/12 CAN
SPINDRIFT SPK STAYCATION 2/12/12 CAN
Stella Artois Liberte 2/12 cn
STIEGL GRAPEFRUIT RADLER 6/4/16.9 CAN
STIEGL HIMBEERE RADLR 6-4PK 16.9OZ CN
STIEGL RASPBERRY RADLER 6/4/16.9 CAN
STIEGL ZITRONE RADLR 6-4PK 16.9OZ CN
SUMMIT TRIUMPHANT IPA 2/12 CN
SUMMIT TRIUMPHANT SESSION IPA 2-12PK 12OZ CN
TECATE LT 2-12PK 12OZ CN
TOPO CHICO AGUAS VARIETY 2/12/12 CAN
TWISTED TEA LIGHT 2/12/12 CAN
TWISTED TEA LIGHT MIX PACK 2/12/12 CAN
TWISTED TEA LIGHT PEACH 4/6/12 CAN
TWISTED TEA LIGHT RASP 4/6/12 CAN
TWISTED TEA LIGHT VARIETY PK 2-12PK 12OZ CN
VICKY CHAMOY 12/24 CAN
Victoria 12/24 cn
VICTORIA CHAMOY 12CT 24OZ CN