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MICHIGAN COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

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Molly Wingrove, Clerk
Committee on Regulatory Reform
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Dear Honorable Representatives,
Legislature, State of Michigan

On behalf of the Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems (MICAP), I write against the adoption of House Bill 5781 for the following reasons:

1. Persons in Michigan already have the availability of Beer, Wine, and Liquor from both on-premise and off-premise licensees.
2. Michigan has always treated LIQUOR differently from Beer and Wine and that has served our public well. To adopt HB5781 will be crossing that line and I believe it inadvisable.
3. Despite funding losses to Michigan's Government during the COVID-19 Pandemic, we should not be trying to gain that back by selling more permits to on-premise establishments.
4. During our COVID-19 pandemic, sales of beverage alcohol have hugely soared. To adopt HB 5781, making the availability of Beverage Alcohol even greater, is to invite more under-age drinking, more violence in the public arena, and more domestic violence in our homes.

For these reasons, the Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems submits this record of opposition to HB 5781. We respectfully request that you dis-allow HB 5781.

Sincerely,

Bill A.

**W. J. (Bill) Amundsen, Retired
Board Member and Treasurer
Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems**