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**Subject:** opposed to HB 4213

Good morning Chairman Garza and members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee,

Michigan Alcohol Policy Promoting Health and Safety (MAP) is opposed to HB4213 on the basis that if sales are extended to 4 am, according to the Community Guide, increases in the hours of sale of alcohol is associated with:

- An increase in alcohol consumption.
- A relative increase in motor vehicle crash injuries ranging from 4 percent to 11 percent.
- A shift in timing of motor vehicle crashes corresponding to the change in closing time of the alcohol outlet.

Additionally, many retailers in my county, Shiawassee County, will not want to stay open until 4:00 a.m. but there may be younger adults who will travel to communities where 4 am sales are allowed, and then they will be driving home at 5:30 am or so and then people going to work in the morning or fishing, will be at higher risk of getting hit by a drunk driver.

This will also be an extra burden for law enforcement which already is resource challenged.

During this pandemic, states should not be expanding hours of alcohol sales. Chicago and other cities have recognized this and as a result, have made decisions to cut off alcohol sales earlier as opposed to increasing alcohol sales. Research is also coming out indicating that alcohol sales and alcohol consumption have increased during the pandemic.

***For these reasons MAP urges you to NOT support this bill and instead support keeping communities, families, and children safer.***

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please let me know if you have any questions.

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