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MICHIGAN COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

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Committee on Regulatory Reform  
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Regarding House Bill 5811

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 5811 for the following reasons:

1. I have witnessed, personally, too many deliveries of beverage alcohol wherein the beverage has been left at the door and consumed later by under-aged drinkers.
2. Again, Michigan has treated Beer and Wine differently than other liquors in the past. To adopt HB 5811 will be crossing that line to the detriment of the best public policy on beverage alcohol.
3. Persons in Michigan already have the availability of beer, wine, and liquor from both “on-premise” and “off-premise” licensees. In short, there is no need.
4. Despite the funding losses to Michigan’s Budget by the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no good reason to try to make that up by selling more permits to on-premise licensees.
5. Also, during the COVID-19 pandemic, sales of beverage alcohol have soared. To adopt HB5811 will be making the availability of beverage alcohol even greater, thereby inviting more under-aged drinking, and more domestic and workplace violence.

For these reasons, the Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems submits this record of opposition to HB 5811. We respectfully request that you dis-allow HB 5811.

Sincerely,

*Bill A.*

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Board Member and Treasurer  
Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems**