



February 16, 2021

Assembly Member Jim Frazier,
Chair of the Governmental Organization Committee
1020 N Street, Room 360A
Sacramento, California 95814

AB 376 (O'Donnell) Alcoholic beverages: licenses: arts and crafts workshops. -- OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Frazier,

Alcohol Justice respectfully OPPOSES AB 376 because it would expand the availability of alcohol to an untold number of undefined “arts and crafts workshops” without adding licensing requirements or responsible beverage service training, thus extensively threatening public health and safety. The term “arts and crafts workshop” is so vague, and undefinable, that it invites widespread abuse.

In addition, giving alcohol away freely, without proper licensing deprives the state of much-needed revenue that could be used for enforcement of alcohol-related rules and regulations and to help mitigate alcohol-related harm. If any establishment wishes to serve alcoholic beverages it should apply for and pay for the proper license.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), California already suffers more annual alcohol-related harm than any other state: over 10,500 alcohol-related deaths, \$35 billion in total costs, \$14.5 billion in state costs. We respectfully ask that you hold this bill in your committee to ultimately prevent additional public health and safety harm.

Kind regards,

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