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To: Members of the House Commerce and Policy Committee:

The Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA) represents Minnesota's small, independent liquor retailers, both on-sale (bars and restaurants) and off-sale (liquor stores). The Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association (MMBA) represents municipally owned and operated on-sale and off-sale alcohol beverage facilities.

MLBA and MMBA oppose House File 1262 (Franson): Food truck license established for the sale of intoxicating liquor.

This "booze truck" bill would allow an on-sale license to food trucks. There are currently many legal and convenient ways to serve liquor at community festivals and events. This bill, putting liquor on a mobile and roaming vehicle, weakens our state's smart and balanced alcohol regulations to an uncontrolled environment with an additional lack of accountability.

Retailers – through brick-and-mortar stores, catering licenses, and more, have existing smart and balanced alcohol regulations that meet safety and community standards. We urge the legislature to oppose the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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