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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of House Bill 1284. The Downtown Development Association (DDA) is an organization made up of over 90 local businesses, who would greatly benefit from this policy change. The DDA also hosts various events of our own that include arts, food, entertainment, and sometimes alcohol. We have seen many positive impacts when these events are held in a co-mingling fashion and we have seen a large decrease in irresponsible behavior due to the nature of this set up. Working alongside our police and local security teams will always be key in keeping these events safe. This bill would enable businesses more opportunity to earn revenue, more opportunity for the DDA to partner with various establishments, as well as provide local distilleries the ability to participate in our larger events.

I would love to answer any other questions and thank you again for your hard work for our communities.

Alexander Blue Weber, President/CEO Downtown Development Association