



May 15, 2024

The Honorable Zack Stephenson, Chair
Cannabis Policy Conference Committee
449 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Senator Port, Chair
Cannabis Policy Conference Committee
3213 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Hospitality Minnesota, Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild Support, Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association and the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association Support for Provisions in DE to HF 4757

Dear Chair Stephenson, Chair Port and Conferees:

We are writing today to express our gratitude for hearing our concerns regarding On-Premise Consumption of Low Potency Hemp Beverages in both Statute 151.72 and Statute 342. As the primary advocates for bartenders across the State Of Minnesota, we are thankful to this committee for being receptive to the ever changing needs of an emerging and first of it's kind market.

We firmly believe that by solidifying a bartender's abilities to control their environments, by monitoring the consumption of their patrons as opposed to being subject to an unknown time limit between beverages, will greatly benefit the patrons of the state. We also are grateful for expediting the ability to begin serving these beverages on tap, thereby opening market access for producers and retailers, and continuing to lessen the stigma that consumers of these beverages still face. The members of our organizations take pride in welcoming people from all walks of life into our spaces and we believe these On-Premise Consumption changes allow for new consumers to fast become new friends. We thank the authors and this committee for working with us to make that belief a reality.

Sincerely,

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