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**VIA E-MAIL**

House Finance Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903  
**Attention: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney**

**Re: *Written Testimony in Opposition to H7596 – Relating To Taxation – Sales And Use Taxes – Liability And Computation***

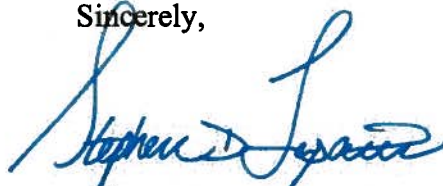
Dear Chairman Abney and Committee Members:

We are writing on behalf of McLaughlin & Moran, Inc. to express its opposition to H7596.

H7596 would impose the local meals and beverage tax on retail liquor stores with a Class A liquor license. By imposing the local meals and beverage tax on Class A liquor license holders, this bill will have a significant negative impact on retailers, thereby eroding an essential element of the industry's three-tier system and increase the economic burden on consumers in the State of Rhode Island.

As always, McLaughlin & Moran appreciates your consideration of its input and perspective.

Sincerely,



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