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Name: Marco Pacheco Business: Jordan's Liquors Business Address: 199 Taunton Ave., East Providence, RI 02914 H8231 - OPPOSE Chairman Casey and Members of the Committee, House Bill 8231 undermines

Rhode Island's population-based liquor license system a critical public safety safeguard that limits alcohol access and prevents over-saturation. These ratios are designed to reduce underage access, impaired driving, and alcohol-related harm. By allowing Scituate

to exceed these limits, the bill sets a dangerous precedent for similar carve-outs statewide, eroding a consistent regulatory framework. For independent retailers, this creates unfair competition and devalues existing licenses built on scarcity and stability.

Alcohol is not an ordinary commodity, it demands thoughtful control. Weakening population-based limits risks both public safety and the integrity of Rhode Island's three-tier system. I respectfully urge you to oppose H8231.

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