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Honorable House Members,

We are submitting this written testimony today in opposition to bill H7664. If this bill were to pass into law, it would be greatly detrimental to our business, which supports myself, my family and children, my parents, and eight employees and their families. Currently, catering supply represents approximately 19% of our business. If this bill were to pass, the resulting loss of revenue would result in the layoff of approximately 1/4 of our staff. It would change the very fabric of our business model.

We provide a valuable service to our wholesale class P clients, including but not limited to ordering and storing inventory, delivering and picking up leftovers, expense management, advisory services, and more, and have done so consistently over the last 21 years. We save our clients money by absorbing these costs into our existing business model.

If this bill were to pass, these costs would be shifted onto caterers, which would have to hire staff to order and receive products, finance inventory, and pay for additional storage. Additionally, most caterers do not have sufficient storage space to make minimum delivery or temperature-controlled environments to avoid spoilage.

There is currently no real need for a change in current law. There are many small caterers in the state who have healthy, long-term relationships with locally owned liquor stores. Furthermore, Class A licensees are highly experienced in safe sales practices. The burden to enter a Class P license is much lower and this bill would create an incentive that could be exploited to put liquor in the hands of newly formed, inexperienced organizations simply to have access to wholesale liquor.

At the end of the day, this bill would ultimately take business away from many local retailers, many of which are family-owned. I hope you consider this information in your decision making going forward. Thank you for reading our testimony.

Cheers,

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