



June 2, 2016

Dear Chairman Deloney and Commissioners Clemente, Gaffney, Olshove, and Quimby:

Unfortunately, I cannot attend the semi-annual public comment hearing today. However, I would like you to accept this letter as part of the public record for the hearing that will take place at 1:00 p.m. at MLCC's Southfield office.

My comments are a follow up to my December 2015 comments (which are also attached) regarding putting a plan in place to ensure that all retailers with liquor licenses receive a controlled buy inspection. This will ensure that all retailers are getting violation histories created. As you may recall, nearly 21% of the active liquor licenses in Shiawassee County have no violation histories.

I appreciate the meeting that took place on March 2, 2016 with Chairman Deloney, Tom Hagan, Marie Hansen and myself to discuss my comments from December 2015 and I would like to know if the Commission has taken any action toward creating this plan. Again, the Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking is very willing to help move this along.

I am still concerned that there may be a small number of retailers who continue to violate the law but are never held accountable because there isn't enough enforcement or coordination between law enforcement agencies to properly regulate all of the retailers. I still believe and research demonstrates that controlled buy operations are a good tool to reduce minors' access to alcohol.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and I look forward to working with the Commission on this issue. Lastly, I always appreciate the work that all of you and the MLCC staff do for the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,

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