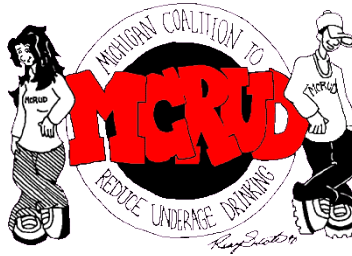


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Good morning Chairman Deloney and Commissioners:

Thank you for serving the people of Michigan and I appreciate the opportunity to speak before you today. I also want to thank the many excellent staff that work for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Together we can do a better job to ensure that children are not getting their hands on alcohol. Controlled buy operations are one evidence-based tool that effectively reduces alcohol sales to children.

In the coming year I would like to work with the Commission on creating a plan that would ensure that all liquor licenses in Michigan receive a controlled buy inspection and that violation histories are created for all Michigan retailers.

According to MLCC's website I discovered that 21% (22/107) of active licenses in Shiawassee County do not have a violation history record. Below are some of the larger alcohol retailers in Shiawassee County with a brief overview of how many entries they have in their violation history and the violations that they've had.

- Meijer has 7 entries with 0 violations and 1 warning, since 2000.
- Kroger has 3 entries with 1 violation since 2005.
- Wal-Mart has 2 entries with 0 violations since 2007.
- McNeil St. Market has 5 entries with 3 violations since 2006.
- Freddie's Party Store has 2 entries with 1 violation since 2013.
- Kings Corner Market of Owosso has one entry, which was a violation in 2014.
- Crossroads Market has 3 entries with 2 violations since 2011.
- VG's Food and Pharmacy – 3 entries, 0 violations since 2011.

This is just a small sample from a relatively small county and I believe there are hundreds, perhaps thousands of retailers that do not have any violation history. I

am 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 a system in place to ensure that they are in compliance.

I would like the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to create an annual plan that would ensure that all alcohol retailers receive a controlled buy inspection once a year minimally. I realize with over 17,000 retail outlets that in order for this to happen MLCC will need to coordinate with local law enforcement and other possibly other organizations. Under the guidance and leadership of MLCC, the Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking is willing to assist in this effort. Furthermore, from talking with Bob Stevenson yesterday, I believe that the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, is willing to assist in the creation of a yearly plan.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. I look forward to the coming year and hearing your thoughts about creating this plan and I'd be happy to answer any questions if you have any.

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