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To: Honorable Members of the House Committee on Regulatory Reform

From: Charles Owens, State Director

Date: May 25, 2011

RE: House Bill 4437 – Liquor Control Commission Permit Reforms

We are writing to you to ask for your support of House Bill 4437 that would make much needed changes to the current permitting process for businesses that are seeking a liquor license from the State of Michigan.

As an organization representing small business, we have many members in the hospitality industry including restaurants, taverns, hotels, banquet halls etc. For many years we have frequently received calls and complaints concerning the existing permitting process and the delays and bureaucracy involved in obtaining the required licenses.

Burdensome regulations and cumbersome permitting processes are as much an impediment to economic development and job creation as high taxes. To improve our overall business climate for our state we need to address and assess these rules and processes and make appropriate improvements. This legislation will do that for the hospitality sector.

Again we ask you to support HB 4437.

Thank you for your support of small business.