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The Honorable Hugh Crawford
State Representative
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30014
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Dear Chairman Crawford:

We write today to request your support for House Bill 4277, sponsored by Representative Ray Franz, which would allow applicants to apply for a “conditional” (or temporary) liquor license while the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) conducts its customary review. **As you may recall, Representative Franz introduced an almost identical bill last session that had unanimous support from within the industry and overwhelmingly passed out of the House of Representatives on a 105-2 vote.**

As Chairman of the House Regulatory Reform Committee, you know all too well that the process to obtain a liquor license can at times be inexplicably long and burdensome. It is a preventable reality that reputable operators with a good track record too often endure long waits and uncertain timelines from MLCC. **The state is leaving tax revenue on the table, jobs in the balance and entrepreneurs in an unnecessary bind.**

We acknowledge and whole-heartedly support the Commission’s responsibility to provide safety and security to the residents of this state, but contend the incorporation of a conditional license does not jeopardize that responsibility. **To that end, the language in House Bill 4277 is the result of open lines of communication between the bill’s sponsor, MLCC and affected industry that all feel comfortable seeing enacted into law.**

We offer our experience and industry perspective at any time, should you have any questions as you consider a hearing on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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