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The Honorable, Jim Pillen
Governor of Nebraska
and Senators of the Legislature
State Capitol Building
Lincoln NE 68509

Dear Governor Jim Pillen and Senators,

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-117(9) it is the duty of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission “to investigate the administration of laws in relation to alcoholic liquor in this and other states and to recommend to the Governor and through him or her to the Legislature amendments to the Act”. The following are our recommendations. Although listed numerically, we believe them to be equally important to further the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Nebraska through the regulations of alcoholic beverages.

1. ALLOW WHOLESALERS TO OBTAIN SHIPPING LICENSES

Currently, Out of State Wholesalers ship alcoholic products from their wholly owned entities to their licensed Wholesale entities in Nebraska. These Out of State Wholesalers do not currently have the ability to obtain licenses. The NLCC would like these out of state Wholesalers to obtain a Shipping license, so the NLCC would have the ability to know what alcoholic products are shipped between these wholesale entities and to ensure all taxes are paid.

2. OUT OF STATE RETAILERS BEING EXEMPT FROM BRAND REGISTRATION

Nebraska allows out of state retailers to ship to a Nebraska resident. These products will often be in the marketplace already and it makes sense to exclude the out of state retailers from having to register brands as they are not the original importer nor a shipper of a domestically produced product.

3. MANDATORY EDUCATION

The Commission believes that mandatory server training as well as mandatory education for bar owners or bar managers would be a benefit to the overall industry in the area of compliance and information which would lead to benefits for the safety and welfare of the general public. With the implementation of POSSE, we would have the ability to have our own Education program. Statutory language would need to be updated so fees can be collected from a customer to the vendors.

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