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

Dear Governor Pete Ricketts 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. ALCOHOL BRAND/PRODUCT REGISTRATION

A product registration would enable the Commission to correctly identify and classify alcoholic products being imported into and produced in Nebraska for taxation and distribution purposes.

2. NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Neb. Stat 53-160.02 directs that all near beer (nonalcoholic beer) be subject to all provisions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act except taxation. Therefore, all nonalcoholic beer is distributed and sold the same way as alcoholic products. However, nonalcoholic spirits and wine, which are becoming more and more popular, have no inclusion in the Commission's regulations. This is confusing for the industry outside and inside of Nebraska. The Commission is requesting to have the authority to regulate all non-alcoholic spirit and wine.

3. 3<sup>rd</sup> PARTY DELIVERY PERMITS

There has been issues with third parties taking possession of alcohol and making deliveries for retail licensees. The Commission believes that those delivering alcohol should have a permit to ensure compliance with training and age requirements.

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