

Dear Chairman Ostmeyer, Vice-Chairman LaTurner, and Members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee,

When I opened Paint the Towne in 2010, I contacted both the Department of Revenue and Alcohol Beverage Control as to the legality of allowing BYOB at private events in our studio. I was assured by both agencies that this was legal. Alcohol Beverage Control compared the private events to a wedding reception in which individuals are able to rent a venue.

It was not until uniformed officers and a detective came into my studio in 2014 that I was made aware of any issues with allowing BYOB. We did not receive any warning prior to this event that ABC had unilaterally changed their interpretation of the law.

At this point, I have been working on this issue for months and have yet to reach a resolution other than the suggestion of having to purchase a license to sell liquor that I have no intention of selling. Five years ago, if I had wanted to open a bar, I would have. It is not my intent to sell, provide, or handle alcohol in any way. I only wish to continue the allowing individuals attending private events to bring in their own legally purchased alcohol.

We have two locations in Wichita and 12 instructors.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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