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Testimony before the House Federal & State Affairs Committee on HB 2413

Colleagues,

HB 2413 addresses an issue where small businesses that allow BYOB are being targeted by local law enforcement and local prosecutors due to a new interpretation of statute by Alcohol Beverage Control. In one instance, ABC assured a business just five years ago that the BYOB activity as described is legal. However in 2014 when officers appeared at the business, ABC elected to take the opposite position and back local enforcement of a new reading of statute.

HB 2413 is language provided by ABC and offers one solution the committee may seek to give ABC clarity in their interpretation of statute.

I request the committee support HB 2413 or any proposal that allows these law abiding small businesses to continue operating safely and within the confines of the law.