



June 10, 2019

Commerce and Labor Committee
The Ohio House of Representatives
77 S High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Support for HB219

Dear Chairman Manning, Vice Chairman Dean, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan, and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB219.

As some quick background, my name is Tom Lix and I'm the Founder and CEO of Cleveland Whiskey, a small but growing distillery here in Ohio. We currently employ 15 full-time staff and purchase a significant amount of our grain, boxes and support services from suppliers here in the State.

Having said that, I urge your support for HB219 which both would reduce costs and simplify the process for Sunday sales here in Ohio. This one simply makes sense. More convenience for consumers, increased tax revenue for the State and reduced costs to retailers by eliminated the specialized D-6 permit.

HB219 is a clear win-win for the State and for our residents. I urge your strong support.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Lix
Founder/CEO

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 6/10/19

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Are you representing: Yourself _____ Organization X

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HOUSEBILL 219

Specific Issue: "SALES" ACT

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