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Good Afternoon, Chairwoman Manning, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan, and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony in consideration of House Bill 669 (“HB 669”) also titled the Business Expansion and Safety Act. My name is Jean-Philippe Dorval, and I am the Manager of Legislative Affairs and Administrative Services for Prevention Action Alliance (PAA). PAA is a 32-year-old statewide nonprofit organization based in Columbus, Ohio. We are dedicated to leading healthy communities in the prevention of substance misuse and the promotion of mental health wellness. PAA offers a wealth of resources, training services, grants, and advocacy opportunities for those who are active in the prevention and mental health fields.

To echo the comments made in the sponsor testimony of Representative LaRe these are unprecedented times and our local businesses have suffered immensely. As with other pieces of alcohol-related legislation we want to make sure that any expansion in sales or access are accompanied with consumer protections, so our most vulnerable populations are considered and protected. If we are going to put in place a long-lasting expansion of alcohol rules and regulations, we would like to ensure that protections are not neglected as it is far more difficult to implement rules once a piece of legislation is passed.

We would ask that the following consumer protections be added to the bill:

- A requirement that delivery drivers be 21 years of age or older
- A requirement that alcohol delivery drivers be trained in Seller Server training
- A requirement that the Division of Liquor Control create limits on how many drinks a person can purchase at one time based on type of alcohol.
- A requirement that places an end date on the private property expansion of outdoor refreshment areas.
- A requirement of informing the Division of Liquor Control no fewer than 10 business days prior to the expansion of the Outdoor Refreshment Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony as an opponent. I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.