



**Proponent Testimony of Quinn Allen
President, Ohio Bar Owners Association
on HB 344
before the Ohio House Finance Committee
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Chair Stewart, Vice Chair Dovilla, Ranking Member Sweeney and members of the Ohio House Finance committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Quinn Allen, and I currently serve as the President of the Ohio Bar Owners Association, I own The Library Bar and The Thirsty Scholar on the Ohio State campus, and the Vic Village Tavern in the Victorian Village.

My family also owns Zeno's and Dick's Dive in Victorian Village. Dick's Dive is named after my late father Dick Allen. When we were kids, my dad ran Zeno's, amongst several other concepts, and my brothers and I grew up in the bar business by default. I learned how to run a bar, I learned how to manage books, I learned how to manage inventory and I learned how to manage people from my dad. When my dad passed away in 2018, my brother Mitch and I were in a position to continue the family business and to grow it for our coming generation.

Through the years, my father was always active in the bar owners association, and he always pushed for greater opportunities for the industry and for innovations that were appealing to the customers and profitable for the establishments. House Bill 344 represents a new opportunity in a new era. We know that we are in a strong position to manage video lottery gaming in our establishments, and we also know that our customers would appreciate the opportunity to have expanded gaming in their local establishments in Ohio. Because of the changes over the years that my father and his generation pushed for we were able to survive into the next generation. And someday, I would like to be able to turn the same business over to my son. The passage of HB 344 could be a key step in making that a reality. Thank you for your time to testify today.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 344 and please know I appreciate the time you took to hear about the impact that it would have on my business. I am happy to answer questions.