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Chair Stein, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan, and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 218.

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen countless businesses struggle financially. As a result of curfews, many bars have been forced to close their doors.

When a bar shuts down, its employees, which are disproportionately low-income and minorities, all lose their jobs. The related economic losses felt by our communities can be devastating.

This legislation will help provide some much needed relief for our bars by providing them with the opportunity to stay open for an extra hour without the worry of curfews.

I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to testify and welcome any questions that you may have.