

December 6, 2021

The Honorable Dick Stein
Chairman
Commerce and Labor Committee
Ohio House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Stein and Committee Members,

As an immigrant and citizen of the United States who moved to this country as a young man, I have especially appreciated the system of laws that both rewards and encourages hard work and the entrepreneurial spirit. I have myself worked very hard in the convenience store industry and have enjoyed great success. We at R&R Takhar Oil Company, American owned and operated, currently operate seven stores with beer and wine sales here in Ohio, and we've passed Sunday sales on the ballot at all seven stores. We have served neighborhoods and towns in many parts of Ohio, and one thing I have learned over the years is that if you do a good job for customers, they will support you. So we have.

It was recently brought to my attention that the legislature has been trying to get rid of the Sunday sales local option process. While we have a profit interest in keeping things working just fine the way they are, as we continue to benefit from the work we do and the investments we have made, the legislative effort as I understand it is misguided. According to testimony available, not a single permit holder has testified in favor of moving from gathering 35% of the governor vote, as we have done, to 50 signatures. But several permit holders such as myself have testified AGAINST doing that. So why change it? Our company will likely purchase more stores in the future, and we may have to go on the ballot for some of them. I welcome this, as it gives us the opportunity to be in a stronger position as a company by working a little harder and investing a little more. Giving Sunday sales to our competitors, or making it easier to do with the intention of giving Sunday sales to our competitors, is rewarding the lazy over the hardworking. It's all about market share, and we have earned ours. We oppose the 50 signature change. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
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