



December 4, 2018

Sen. Robert Hackett, Chair
Senate Agriculture Committee
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Chair Hackett and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee:

Small Business Consultants of Ohio (SBCO) helps protect small businesses and non-profits from harmful regulations and champions policies that allow them to grow and thrive. On behalf of breweries and distilleries throughout Ohio, we want to express support for House Bill 522.

Simply stated, HB 522 would allow small craft breweries and distilleries to get their products additional exposure and reach new consumers. Ohio continues to see growth in attendance at festivals and outdoor events. However, it is unlikely that this growth will continue if temporary liquor permit holders are not allowed to operate within designated outdoor refreshment areas as prescribed in HB 522. This proposed change in current statute is a responsible way to enhance the enjoyment of festival goers and bring more revenue into local communities.

Chairman Hackett, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 522. If you or any committee members should have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon S. Ogden".

Brandon S. Ogden
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