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Chairman Gayle Manning Commerce and Labor Committee Ohio House of Representatives 77 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chair Manning and committee members,

My name is Clarence Cardwell and I am the owner / operator of three rural Ohio convenience stores. Over the 20 years of operation I have worked with our local community members to pass Sunday sales permits at all three locations. I strongly believe that HB219 would harm our business as well as take away liquor sales control from local communities.

This bill is about more than giving the customer a choice. This bill will put many rural stores out of business. When locally owned stores close it affects not only the employees and the customers it affects all the support that local stores provide to their community. We provide support to the local little league teams, high school teams, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and food banks. These are just a few of the local organizations that will hurt if we are put out of business by HB219.

Large corporations will use HB219 to take away community control of Sunday liquor sales. They will put local community convenience stores out of business. Large corporations do not support community activities or organizations. Please think local, support local and do not pass HB219.

Sincerely,

Clarence Cardwell, Owner Clarence Cardwell Inc.