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## **Ohio House Commerce and Labor Committee Prevention Action Alliance June 9, 2020**

Good Afternoon, Chairwoman Manning, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan, and members of the Commerce and Labor Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony in consideration of House Bill 674 (“HB 674”). My name is Jean-Philippe Dorval, and I am the Manager of Legislative Affairs and Administrative Services for Prevention Action Alliance (PAA). PAA is a 32-year-old statewide nonprofit organization based in Columbus, Ohio. We are dedicated to leading healthy communities in the prevention of substance misuse and the promotion of mental health wellness. PAA offers a wealth of resources, training services, grants, and advocacy opportunities for those who are active in the prevention and mental health fields.

As with other pieces of alcohol-related legislation we want to make sure that any expansion in sales or access are accompanied with consumer protections, so our most vulnerable populations are considered and protected. If we are going to put in place a long-lasting expansion of alcohol rules and regulations, we would like to ensure that protections are not neglected as it is far more difficult to implement rules once a piece of legislation is passed.

We would ask that the following consumer protections be added to the bill:

- Maintaining the local option elections concerning Sunday sales of beer or intoxicating liquor
- Keeping the D-6 liquor permit, which allows a retail liquor permit holder to sell beer or intoxicating liquor on Sunday between 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. and midnight.
- Maintaining the authority of the Division of Liquor Control to adopt rules for sales of beer and intoxicating liquor on holidays.
- Maintaining the 2 A.M. cut off time for alcohol sales
- A requirement that the Division of Liquor Control make rules and regulations regarding images that can be used to advertise on social media, and which social media platforms can be utilized

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony as an opponent. I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.