



January 10, 2023

Representative Zach Stephenson, Chair, House Commerce Committee
449 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Stephenson and members of the House Commerce Committee:

The Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA) represents Minnesota's small, family-owned liquor retailers, both on-sale (bars and restaurants) and off-sale (liquor stores).

The MLBA supports House File 100 (Stephenson and others), the Omnibus Cannabis Bill, which establishes a regulatory framework for adult-use cannabis and lowerdose cannabinoid products.

Minnesota's liquor retailers are currently entrusted with two of the state's controlled adult substances: alcohol and tobacco. Our members believe in and administer the state's common sense regulations and smart oversight that keep consumers and the public safe. For example, liquor stores typically prohibit anyone under 21 years old from entering the store and employ people over 21 years old. We are proud of our record for public safety and our state's smart and balanced regulations.

We welcome the regulations and safeguards for consumers included in this adult-use cannabis proposal.

We are grateful to Chief Author Chair Stephenson for including off-sale and on-sale liquor retailers (MLBA members) as part of this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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