

May 19, 2022

Dear Chair Dahms and Chair Stephenson:

The Alliance of Minnesota Craft Breweries ("Alliance") is pleased to offer our support of S.F. 3008 (Dahms/Stephenson). We believe this legislation represents the necessary framework to maintain marketplace certainty into the near future. Specifically, we want to thank you for including our provision (Art. 1, SEC 4) which raises the 20,000 barrel production cap, after which, breweries could no longer sell growlers, effectively "Freeing the Growler."

The Alliance is comprised of six of Minnesota's most popular breweries, which include Indeed, Fulton, Castle Danger, Surly, Schells and Lift Bridge. The Alliance was established to educate the Minnesota Legislature and advocate in regards to important issues impacting the Minnesota craft beer industry. For the past three years, our focus has been to raise the current barrel limits for breweries manufacturing more than 20,000 barrels of beer. We have worked tirelessly over that time to educate members of the legislature, media, and public of the importance of growlers in Minnesota.

Once again, we are supporting this important legislation and wish to thank Chair Dahms and Chair Stephenson for their thoughtful work in putting together this bill.

Sincerely, Margaret Vesel\_

on behalf of the Alliance of Minnesota Craft Breweries Director of Government Relations Larkin Hoffman

