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To the Distinguished Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

I write to you today in support of HF2767 on behalf of the Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild and our 170+ brewery and brewpub members. This bill has been long-sought and is much needed for the survival of craft beer in this state. For too long, the brewers of Minnesota have been restricted in their rights as American entrepreneurs, and although this bill would not equal the playing field with most every other state in the nation, it does bring us closer. We are incredibly thankful for the work and diligence that went into ensuring the wants of Minnesota's craft beverage consumers, and the needs of craft beverage producers, are taken into consideration in this 2022 legislative session.

Arduous work and many hours went into ensuring agreement on this bill and we would like to thank members of the Commerce Committee, the Ways and Means Committee, and the Minnesota House of Representatives for listening to stakeholders from all tiers and constituents alike in crafting the language and provisions of this bill. As the needs of the Craft Beer Brewers of Minnesota have evolved, so too must the laws that govern them. It is in this spirit of unity and progress that we have worked to find "Peace in the Valley" and why we support HF2767. We ask this committee to do the same. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Galligan

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