

## Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Robert Klein, Chair and

Members of the Board

FROM: Cynthia Franklin

Director, ABC Board

DATE: January 31, 2016

RE: KBI Spirits

This is an application for a new package store license in Kodiak. Objections were received pursuant to AS 04.11.470 after the date that the February meeting was noticed. AS 04.11.470 states that the board shall consider the objections and testimony received at a hearing conducted under AS 04.11.510(b)(2) upon receipt of objection to ascertain the reaction of the public and local governing body to the application. AS 04.11.510(b)(2) requires that the board give 20 day advance notice of such hearing. In order to meet the statutory requirements, the board should table this matter until the April meeting. The director will notice the meeting more than 20 days in advance and will indicate in the public notice that the application will receive its AS 04.11.510(b)(2) hearing at that meeting.



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January 25, 2015

Wayne T Sargent PO Box 8928 Kodiak, AK 99615

Via Email: joe.samaniego@alaska.gov

Re: State of Alaska Alcohol Beverage Control Board for a Liquor License Transfer of Ownership. Change Permit for Wayne Sargent Kalsin Bay Inn to Wayne Sargent KBI Spirits #622

We oppose this application for the following reason:

• In our community and others around Kodiak Island there is a high rate of substance abuse, domestic violence and child maltreatment. We believe that a liquor store near the airport will allow for increased bootlegging in our community and cause additional social concerns.

We are working hard to make improvements in our community and strive for a healthy and positive environment for our children. We respectfully request that the transfer of liquor license to be located at the airport to be denied.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our comments regarding this very important issue that will have substantial impacts on the people of our community.

Quyanaa – Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

OLD HARBOR NATIVE CORPORATION

Chief Executive Officer

CC:
Old Harbor Native Corporation Board of Directors
Old Harbor City Council
Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor
Kodiak Assembly

## January 29, 2015

Cynthia Franklin, Director Alaska Alcohol Beverage Control Board 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 1600 Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Objection to request for transfer for License 622, Wayne L. Sargent

Dear Director Franklin and Board members:

The Kodiak Regional Rural Forum meets 3 times per year and has the participation of representatives from the tribal governments and city governments of Kodiak's rural communities: Old Harbor, Akhiok, Ouzinkie, Port Lions and Larsen Bay. In addition the forum has representatives from the Akhiok, Afognak, Old Harbor and Ouzinkie Native Corporations as well as the Regional ANLCSA corporation, KONIAG, Inc. The forum is a consortium addressing regional rural concerns and has been meeting for 12 years.

It was a surprise to the Forum's participants that the ABCB was considering the transfer of Mr. Sargent's package store license to the Kodiak Airport location. Moreover, the individual rural municipal governments would have expected to be noticed regarding the proposed transfer. The impacts of a liquor store at the Kodiak Airport will be primarily if not exclusively borne by the Kodiak' rural communities and the individuals living there. Yet, these communities were not noticed or consulted about the proposed license transfer. Consequently, the Forum's first request is for the ABCB to postpone your decision on the Wayne Sargent license transfer until your April meeting. This will allow each community time to discuss the issue and comment.

Director Franklin attended and presented at the Forum's January 27-29 sessions. Ms. Franklin clarified the Board's legal guidelines regarding comment on license transfers and informed the Forum regarding statutory notice requirements. Although disappointed with the notice guidelines, the Forum understands that NOW is the time to make comment. After considerable discussion the Forum, as represented by the following signors, STRONGLY OPPOSES THE TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR STORE LICENSE TO THE KODIAK AIRPORT AREA.

Each Kodiak rural community faces present and multi-generational issues with alcohol abuse. While a Kodiak Airport liquor store will not solve these problems, it will encourage additional alcohol consumption and transportation and exacerbate existing concerns. In addition, the Kodiak Area Native Association and its various healthy lifestyle programs as well as each community tribal council have all worked to educate

about and reduce alcohol abuse. Why, after all of this effort, would the ABCB place a license at a location that is strategically selected to increase alcohol sales and abuse by Kodiak's rural residents? Such a decision simply serves to undermine existing and long-term prevention efforts in Kodiak's Alaska Native community. This is contrary to the wishes and desires of virtually all of the leaders in the Kodiak Native community and should not be done.

Thank you for your consideration of the Kodiak Rural Forum's deeply felt and significant opposition to the transfer of Mr. Sargent's Liquor license to the Kodiak Airport Location. Please contact us if you have any additional questions.

Very truly yours,

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