



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board DATE: November 12, 2019

FROM: Erika McConnell, Director RE: Regulations Project: Definition of
"Recreational Opportunities"

Statutory Authority: AS 04.06.100(a): "The board shall adopt regulations governing the manufacture, barter, sale, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state that are consistent with this title and necessary to carry out the purpose of this title in a manner that will protect the public health, safety, and welfare."

Status: Public comment period closed on October 4, 2019

Manufacturing licensees (breweries, distilleries, and wineries) have restrictions on the activities that can occur on their licensed premises, if they offer onsite consumption of their products. AS 04.11.130(e) for brewery licenses states:

- (e) Unless prohibited by AS 04.16.030, a holder of a brewery license may sell not more than 36 ounces a day of the brewery's product to a person for consumption on the premises if
- (1) the brewery does not allow live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities on the premises where the consumption occurs;
 - (2) the brewery does not provide seats at the counter or bar where the product is served; and
 - (3) the room where the consumption occurs is not open before 9:00 a.m. and serving of the product ends not later than 8:00 p.m.

Similar language is located at AS 04.11.170(e) for distilleries and at 3 AAC 304.380 for wineries.

In 2017, AMCO received complaints by phone and email (example email attached) regarding activities in the consumption area of manufacturing licenses. The email example mentions a brewery and requests "the Board's position...on enforcement of this statute." (The phone complaints were recorded as ARMS incidents. Because AMCO no longer has access to ARMS and was not given our ARMS log, we are unable to provide information regarding the number and substance of the complaints.)

AMCO seeks to investigate and resolve complaints, as directed by the board in its adopted enforcement priorities, and as noted in the 2014 and 2017 Legislative Audits. A 2014 audit finding

states, “The board should implement a process to monitor and track all complaints to ensure they are resolved in a timely manner.” A 2017 audit finding states, “The board and AMCO director should implement a process to monitor and track complaints to ensure they are assessed for follow up action and investigated in a timely manner.”

As I was unaware of the board ever making an interpretation on the record of the meaning of “live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities” (particularly “live entertainment” and “other recreational...opportunities”), I brought this issue to the board at the January 23, 2018, requesting board guidance on how these sections of statute and regulation should be interpreted and enforced and thus how the complaints should be addressed.

At that meeting, the board opened a regulations project to clarify “entertainment” and “other recreational opportunities.” A draft was brought to the board at the June 12, 2018, meeting. At that meeting, the board requested that the language be strengthened to reflect the legislative intent—that the licensees are manufacturers and not retailers.

A revised proposal was brought to the board at the July 2019 meeting, which attempted to implement the board’s direction. Various board members commented on their dissatisfaction with the proposed language, but voted (4-1) to put the proposal out for public comment to allow for a more informed discussion.

The proposal was posted for public comment for 39 days, closing on October 4, 2019. While we have not counted the number of public comments received, the combined document of all comments (which is attached) is 1,270 pages.

Board options:

- Vote on whether or not to adopt.
- Amend and put out for public comment.
- Return to staff for additional revisions.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 11:17 AM
To: Hoelscher, James C (CED)
Cc: bobkleinak@gmail.com
Subject: Prohibited Activities at Brewery License

James,

This has been a recurring theme (ongoing strife between BDL licensees and manufacturer's 'tasting rooms'), and I wanted to find out what the Board's position was on enforcement of this statute:

I've heard numerous accounts of patrons being served 'substantially in excess' of 36 oz, as well as plenty of 'entertainment' and 'recreational activities' (see website for examples of past and ongoing activities): <http://www.hoodoobrew.com/category/events/>, as well as this gem of a photo (in Hoodoo 'beer garden' – is this even within their licensed premises boundary?):



AS 04.11.130. Brewery License.

- (a) A brewery license authorizes the holder to operate a brewery where beer is manufactured and bottled or barreled for sale.
- (b) The holder of a brewery license may sell beer in quantities of

- (1) not more than five gallons a day to an individual who is present on the licensed premises for consumption off the premises;
- (2) more than five gallons a day to a person who is licensed under this title, or in another state or country.
- (c) The holder of a brewery license may permit a person to sample small portions of the brewery's product free of charge unless prohibited by AS [04.16.030](#) .
- (d) The biennial brewery license fee is \$1,000.
- (e) Unless prohibited by AS 04.16.030, a holder of a brewery license may sell not more than 36 ounces a day of the brewery's product to a person for consumption on the premises if
 - (1) the brewery does not allow live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities on the premises where the consumption occurs;
 - (2) the brewery does not provide seats at the counter or bar where the product is served, and
 - (3) the room where the consumption occurs is not open before 9:00 a.m. and serving of the product ends not later than 8:00 p.m.

My understanding of this is that Brewery licensees will forgo their privilege to SELL up to 36 oz IF they are not in compliance with (e)(1)...

Could you provide some clarification and/or feedback on enforcement of this statute?

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read:

3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.

(a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, “other recreational or gaming opportunities” includes

(1) festivals;

(2) games and competitions;

(3) classes;

(4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;

(5) presentations or performances;

(6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public. (Eff. ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority:	AS 04.06.090	AS 04.06.100	AS 04.11.130
	AS 04.11.140	AS 04.11.170	

From: [Dale Whitney](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Regulation change defining "Recreational or Gaming Opportunities"
Date: Monday, September 23, 2019 4:47:31 PM

My name is Dale Whitney. I am part owner of the Hellenthal Building in downtown Juneau, which houses Devil's Club Brewing Company.

My partners and I spent millions to renovate this historic building, which had been a derelict in the center of Juneau's tourist district. Our building faces both Front Street, where there are three traditional bars and a package store, and North Franklin Street, where there is the Brewery and a distillery. Our investment has helped to revitalize an entire area of town, and we have received the thanks of the mayor for our efforts. We could not have accomplished this without securing the Brewery as a tenant. Their success helps underpin the success of the entire area and Juneau's thriving tourism economy. I can see nothing offensive about the little events they occasionally hold.

The Board may only enact regulations that are necessary to "protect the public health, safety, and welfare." AS 04.06.100(a). Allowing a local artist to show some paintings, or having a poet read some poems, or raising some money to improve hiking trails or help someone with a medical problem poses no threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. Quite the contrary. This regulation is not only unnecessary, it is contrary to statute. In a free country, if a statute is unclear, the default must always be the least restrictive alternative. This regulation is an unnecessary burden on small business and an affront to the principles of freedom and limited government.

The many problems in our area that stem from alcohol all come from the traditional bars. On Front Street, where the bars are, from our building we observe extreme over serving of patrons. On a daily basis we see public intoxication, harassment of tourists and other individuals by inebriates, routine violence, brawling, and occasional stabbings and shootings. More than once I have had to hose blood and vomit off the Front Street sidewalk in the morning. On the side of the building with the Brewery and distillery, we see people interested in art visiting the new gallery next door to the Brewery, tourists excitedly shopping for T-shirts and outdoor gear, and families waiting in line for ice cream or eating at the new restaurants and food trucks that have sprung up since the Brewery and distillery opened in a newly thriving district.

I urge the Board to protect our health, safety, and welfare by supporting breweries and distilleries, and to turn its attention to cracking down on the bars and package stores that have made fortunes by tearing apart Alaskan lives. I strongly oppose this proposed regulation.

Dale Whitney
PO Box 23293
Juneau AK 99802
(907) 321-3504

From: [Lin Davis](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Oppose changes to 3 AAC 304
Date: Monday, September 23, 2019 6:27:15 PM

Dear AMCO:

Please see the wisdom in not changing your current rules re distilleries, wineries and craft breweries. For our communities, these business provide fresh social venues that foster good citizenship and community bonds. They are necessary to the improved fabric of our small isolated centers of population.

Bars serve a very different purpose and their alcohol-heavy emphasis is very different from the controlled alcohol at distilleries and craft breweries.

Apples and oranges. And these new proposed changes simply do not make sense. For increased diverse Alaskan business success, please be wise and support thriving community spirit through distilleries/craft breweries.

As you know, American history is full of unwise Alcohol Board control of civic life and values and equality.

And the legislature is urging you not to approve these changes.

Thank you for considering,

Lin G.Davis
3099 Nowell Ave
Juneau
26 year AK resident

From: [Julie Anderson](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: I support local breweries and distilleries
Date: Monday, September 23, 2019 6:59:15 PM

Hello,

Please accept my letter in support of our local breweries and distilleries, and against further restrictions of their integration in to our communities.

I am one of many who deliberately seeks out local breweries and distilleries when traveling, and have often decided on visiting one town versus another for their local brew "scene." Craft breweries and distilleries support the art and community of brewing and distilling, as well as the art and impression of the local towns. These businesses are part of our local and tourism economy and often a hub of the community. Artist presentations, brewery tours, and educational presentations are appreciated by locals and guests.

I also think that restrictions on allowing music (recorded or live) should be reconsidered. Performing artists are in increasing need of venues and a local establishment without a rowdy crowd (I have yet to see a rowdy crowd in any of the craft distilleries or breweries that I've toured in this state, which is approaching over 20).

Thank you for your consideration,

Julie Anderson

PO Box 823

Haines, AK 99827

From: [Thomas Lapp](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.
Date: Monday, September 23, 2019 7:23:22 PM

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Thomas Lapp
HOMER

From: [Nicole LaRoche](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Brewery and distillery rules
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 8:25:03 AM

Hello,

I am writing as a Juneau resident who does not support further regulations for local breweries and distilleries. I find the locations to be a perfect get-together space for events like first Friday art nights and parties. Breweries and distilleries fill very different niches than bars in our town. They close early, allow children, and have a different “feel” inside than bars. I would like to emphasize that I DO NOT support further regulations regarding events at any of these establishments in Alaska.

Thank you,
Nicole LaRoche
Juneau Resident
nlaroche129@gmail.com
650-219-5061

From: [Mary Corcoran](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Opposition to Draft Definition of Recreation
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 11:09:09 AM

To AMCO,

I oppose the Draft Definition of Recreation 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.

I have no financial interest in any brewery, distillery or winery. I do patronize each in various Alaskan communities for its unique flavor and provenance. I have found every such experience civil, positive and controlled. Consequently, I see no reason for imposing additional and arbitrary restrictions on these businesses.

Specifically, the proposed ban on “presentations” and “social gatherings” is an attack on first amendment rights to free speech and peaceful assembly. This is any imposition on the businesses and their customers. On the contrary, allowing these activities present stimulations to local businesses, encourage customers to expand their tastes not only in locally produced alcoholic beverages, but also local art, non profits, food etc. Those are all business generators versus restrictors that the draft definitions would pose.

I have seen no harm connected to these activities at any alcohol manufacturers business. I strongly urge the rejection of these changes.

Sincerely,
Mary Corcoran
Delta Junction, AK

From: [Ben Millstein](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: 3 AAC 304.390
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 1:46:48 PM
Attachments: [AMCO proposal.doc](#)

To whom it may Concern,

The proposal to change definitions in 3 AAC 304.390 seems like a deliberate attempt to circumvent the working group for Alaska alcohol regulations concerning title 4. There are contentious issues in title 4 and a restructuring of the rules will require compromises between different parties and stakeholder groups. A unilateral change by the agency would undermine the process to the detriment of some parties and the benefit of others.

This proposal reinterprets laws that have been in place for 11 years and under which people have created plans, built businesses, and purchase properties. This change would alter the niche businesses occupy in their communities, placing further restrictions on the already very limited way a tasting room can provide value to their community. This would punish small communities as much as it would punish the businesses themselves.

One has to wonder what the motivation is to further restrict one class of businesses and why our businesses weren't contacted or consulted about the change before it was proposed. Where did this come from and why?

I believe some bar owners feel tasting rooms are unfair competition. There are a number of points that refute that assertion. We already operate under strict, and many people feel, ridiculous limitations. That gives bars a tremendous advantage.

The current soft economy has affected many of us across license types. It may be easy to scapegoat tasting rooms for lost business somewhere else, but we've been losing business for a few years too, which points to another culprit.

Tasting rooms for the most part are not really industry pioneers. We are not driving the evolving trends in consumer preferences; we are following them. I have to think every day about what people are looking for, and what I can do to improve, evolve, and expand my market. It may be tempting to assign blame for faltering support, but it may be more productive to ask how one can strengthen one's own position rather than weaken someone else's.

The "three tier system" is often cited as a reason to disallow the tasting room model. The three tier system was adopted to avoid monopolistic tendencies from some large players which we can all agree is a bad thing. Most tasting rooms are small businesses. We could easily limit the number of tasting rooms a brewery could have to address any monopolistic concerns. Again, the evolution of alcohol business types across the country is dramatic. I don't think it will be smart or effective to ignore that here in Alaska. Many states seem to thrive when they embrace the evolution.

The investment in a BDL is often cited as something a bar has made that gives a right to a certain amount of protection. In a limited entry state, there is validity to this observation. But it's worth noting the investment in a brewery is often many times that much money. Not only is the equipment very expensive, but the ongoing costs are even more significant. The labor,

training, ingredients, utilities, space requirements, and more factors add up to many thousands of dollars every month. Brewing is a capital intensive business. One of the benefits of that is that we circulate more of our money throughout the community.

In my experience, most breweries are businesses that are trying to create value for their communities while creating careers for themselves and their employees. Let's think about what we can do support that kind of approach to business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

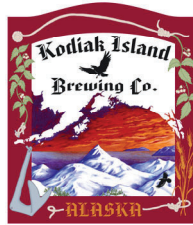
Ben Millstein

--

Ben Millstein
Kodiak Island Brewing
www.kodiakbrewery.com
907*486*ALES (2537)
Beer is Art, and the Palate is Yours.



Virus-free. www.avast.com



Kodiak Island Brewing Co. LLC

Ben Millstein; manager/brewer

117 Lower Mill Bay Rd.

Kodiak, Alaska 99615

907-486-ALES (2537)

bmills@ak.net

www.kodiakbrewery.com

To whom it may Concern,

The proposal to change definitions in 3 AAC 304.390 seems like a deliberate attempt to circumvent the working group for Alaska alcohol regulations concerning title 4. There are contentious issues in title 4 and a restructuring of the rules will require compromises between different parties and stakeholder groups. A unilateral change by the agency would undermine the process to the detriment of some parties and the benefit of others.

This proposal reinterprets laws that have been in place for 11 years and under which people have created plans, built businesses, and purchase properties. This change would alter the niche businesses occupy in their communities, placing further restrictions on the already very limited way a tasting room can provide value to their community. This would punish small communities as much as it would punish the businesses themselves.

One has to wonder what the motivation is to further restrict one class of businesses and why our businesses weren't contacted or consulted about the change before it was proposed. Where did this come from and why?

I believe some bar owners feel tasting rooms are unfair competition. There are a number of points that refute that assertion. We already operate under strict, and many people feel, ridiculous limitations. That gives bars a tremendous advantage.

The current soft economy has affected many of us across license types. It may be easy to scapegoat tasting rooms for lost business somewhere else, but we've been losing business for a few years too, which points to another culprit.

Tasting rooms for the most part are not really industry pioneers. We are not driving the evolving trends in consumer preferences; we are following them. I have to think every day about what people are looking for, and what I can do to improve, evolve, and expand my market. It may be tempting to assign blame for faltering support, but it may be more productive to ask how one can strengthen one's own position rather than weaken someone else's.

The "three tier system" is often cited as a reason to disallow the tasting room model. The three tier system was adopted to avoid monopolistic tendencies from some large players which we can all agree is a bad thing. Most tasting rooms are small businesses. We could easily limit the number of tasting rooms a brewery could have to address any monopolistic concerns. Again, the evolution of alcohol business types across the country is dramatic. I don't think it will be smart or effective to ignore that here in Alaska. Many states seem to thrive when they embrace the evolution.



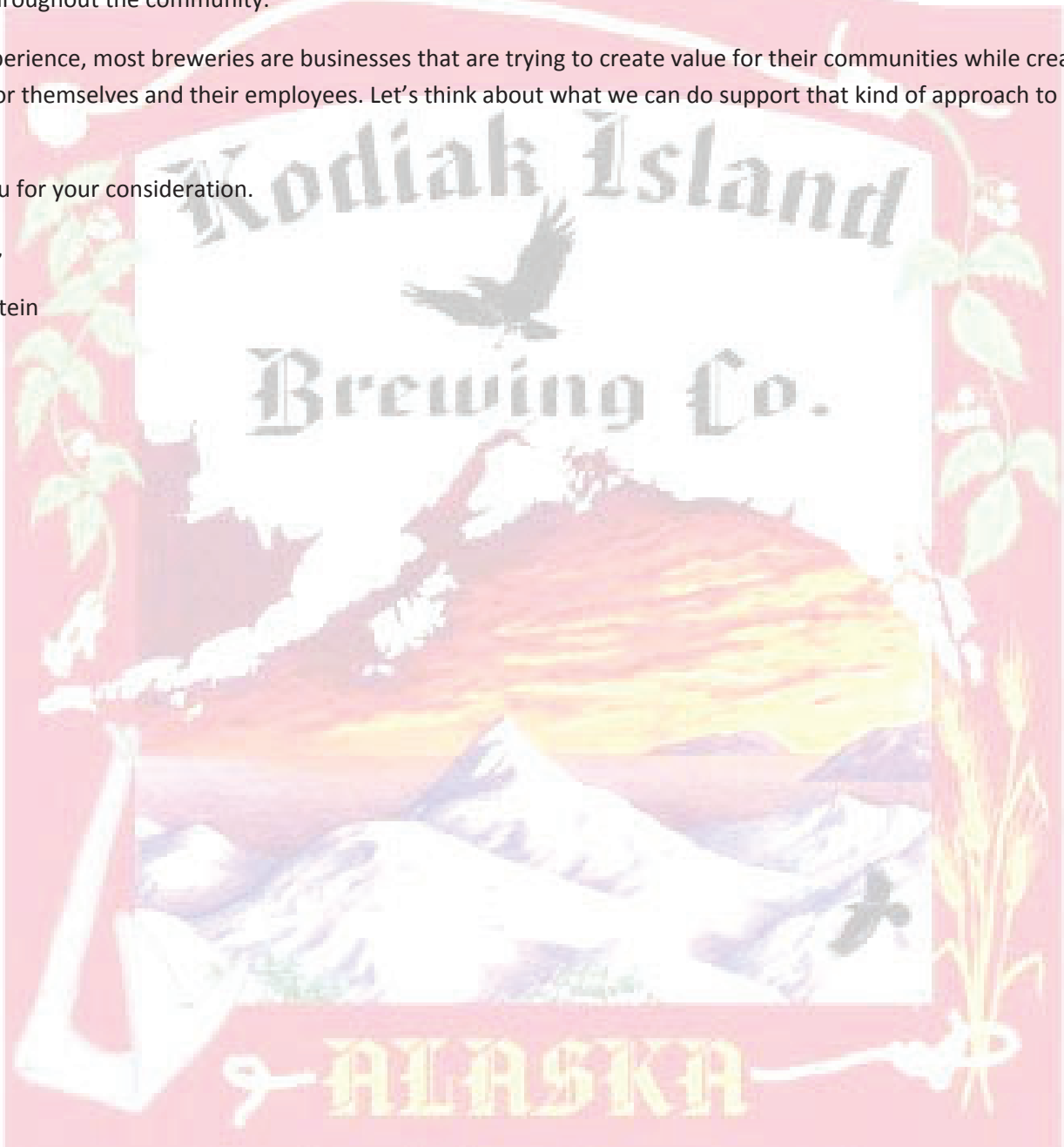
The investment in a BDL is often cited as something a bar has made that gives a right to a certain amount of protection. In a limited entry state, there is validity to this observation. But it's worth noting the investment in a brewery is often many times that much money. Not only is the equipment very expensive, but the ongoing costs are even more significant. The labor, training, ingredients, utilities, space requirements, and more factors add up to many thousands of dollars every month. Brewing is a capital intensive business. One of the benefits of that is that we circulate more of our money throughout the community.

In my experience, most breweries are businesses that are trying to create value for their communities while creating careers for themselves and their employees. Let's think about what we can do support that kind of approach to business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ben Millstein



Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKA FRONTIER

995-8837

23 SEP 2019 PM 1 L



Please
do not
adopt the
proposed
regulations!

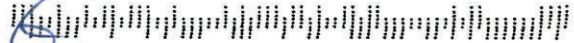
A.G.

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 25 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

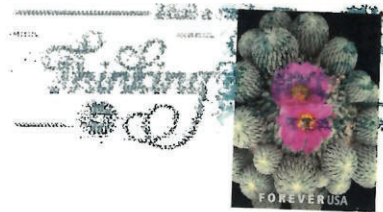
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-997

23 SEP 2019 PM 1 L



Saying
NO to the
proposed
regulations!
SM

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 25 2019





DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-997

23 SEP 2019 PM 11



Please
do not adopt
proposed
regulations!

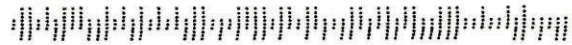
G.G.

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 25 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

September 22, 2019

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600
Anchorage, AK 99501

Hello Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

I recently came across information about a proposed new Regulation to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" as it relates to AS 04.11.130.

I respectfully ask that you change one word in this Regulation. Rather than "includes", please substitute the word "excludes" so that breweries will specifically be allowed involvement in such things as festivals, games, classes, presentations and other community social gatherings,

Brewery craftsmanship has been very much on the rise throughout the US during the past 30-40 years. Alaska has some of the best examples of local people who enjoy their craft and have turned this desire into a thriving enterprise. Along the way, many of these businesses have become interwoven with community events and are a fabric that enriches our lives.

This draft Regulation needs to be extinguished and put into the record books as a bad idea!! Many of the Alaskan breweries are an integral part of our communities and this Regulation will be a disservice to our quality of life and well-being.

In conclusion, I absolutely oppose this draft Regulation becoming law!!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wade W. Wahrenbrock", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wade W. Wahrenbrock
36720 True Fir Circle
Soldotna, AK 99669

AMCO
SEP 25 2019

From: [Paula Murray](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: DRAFT Definition of recreation
Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 5:03:07 PM

Good Afternoon:

According to the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions I do not believe this change will be beneficial to the public (consumers) as a whole. By bringing forth ridiculous limitations to consumers acceptable “recreational and gaming” activities you are unnecessarily restricting citizens the opportunity to openly gather in a public venue of their choosing to which they can participate in basic freedoms. Being able to gather in a location other than a bar to enjoy art work, for example, should be a viable option for all whether they’re in a tap room or bar. This type of personal freedom (decision-making) is a constitutional right of citizens.

Moreover, tap rooms are specifically regulated on the amount of alcohol which can be served to consumers and their operating hours; for example bars do not have such strict requirements. Shouldn’t bars be given the same strict guidelines?

As a consumer, I believe I should be given the option to attend a gathering at a tap room or bar; if I so choose. I do not believe these changes will be in the best interest of the public at any level.

Thank you.

Paula

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wayne Deutschlander](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 7:38:51 AM

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wayne Deutschlander
SOLDOTNA

From: [Ken Taylor](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 8:24:38 AM

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ken Taylor
Palmer

From: [Cinnamon Dockham](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: I disagree with proposed regulation
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 10:55:05 AM

AMCO,

I want to share my opinion about the proposed regulation banning First Friday and other social events in distilleries, breweries and wineries in Alaska.

I am a late blooming Alaskan artist. First Fridays/ art shows afford me (and several others) the opportunity to display my work and get my name out in public. Small events like these open doors to future shows in bigger venues. You have to start somewhere. These places provide a clean, classy and relaxed atmosphere to display artwork for the public to enjoy.

By removing the ability to host these events, it not only hampers business opportunities for distilleries and the like, it also takes away another platform for artists.

I myself have two First Friday events scheduled for 2020. I had to schedule them a year in advance and I have been steadily working on artwork specific for these events. If you take these events away, you will add yet another obstacle to my outreach goals.

I am sure I speak for several artists who have also been affected by changes in administration and funding for public art. PLEASE don't take away our ability to share our artwork, often inspired by the beauty of Alaska, with our fellow Alaskans and visitors from near and far.

The very act of depriving these businesses the ability to host these events can be seen as an infringement on the first amendment right to assemble, and could cost the state a lot of money in litigation. People don't want to see state funds wasted in such matters.

Another topic I have recently been made aware of is the proposed prohibition of distilleries to serve mixed cocktails in there establishments. Most distilled spirits (vodka and gin in most Alaskan distilleries) are specifically made to be mixed in cocktails. People go to tasting rooms to decide whether they like their favorite drink made with that specific spirit. It is my opinion that as long as what they are serving contains the spirit they are distilling, that should be enough.

Regulations like these can have a serious effect on the ability of small, locally owned businesses to prosper.

I heartily disagree with these proposed regulations. I feel they are overreaching, unfair, aimed at a specific industry, unnecessary and capricious.

Thank you for adding my opinion to the stack with so many others who disagree with the proposed regulations. I hope AMCO will hear our voices and concerns, and make smart choices.

Sincerely,
Cinnamon Dockham

From: [Richard A. Wood](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: I am strongly opposed to the proposed new brewery regulations
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:30:13 AM

I've been researching the situation. The Alaska bar owner's keep bringing up how expensive their liquor licenses are, as justification for restricting brewery taprooms. An Alaska brewery has to invest a small fortune in brewery equipment, AND pay employees to make the beer (plus, they still need employees to serve the beer in the tasting room). I was able to google-up some facts. Look at California. A California bar's liquor license can cost about the same as an Alaska license (upwards of \$400,000), but brewery taprooms in California get to stay open to midnight. Brewery taprooms in California can have live music, games, events, trivia nights, poker nights, etc. For example, California's BarrelHouse Brewing Company says "Bringing together delicious craft beer with live music and events has and always will be our focus."

The California Type 48 Liquor License: "These licenses can be very costly and hard to come by. Depending on the location of your establishment and current market trends, you may find yourself paying over \$300,000 for this precious license." "The Type 48 license is used by establishments that exclusively sell beer, wine, and liquor to patrons 21 years of age or older." Source: <https://licenselocators.com/how-much-does-a-liquor-license-cost/>

Most lower-48 states allow brewery taprooms to have live music (bands), trivia nights, poker nights, sports on TV, etc. The bar owners are acting like the carriage makers or the buggy-whip makers of 120 years ago who would have liked to set a 5 mph speed limit on the new automobiles. You can't stop progress.

These draconian Alaska brewery laws need to be thrown out! To make them even more restrictive is totally insane. Special interests have controlled the Alaska beer and liquor industry long enough. If you want a real eye-opener, type "Great Land, Great Beer, Great Problems" into YouTube and watch the 30 minute video on how special interests were able to destroy Anchorage's Prinz Brau brewery. You'll be shocked. It's time to change Alaska's unfair liquor laws!

Dick Wood, Juneau

From: [Drew Skrocki](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:31:51 AM

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Drew Skrocki
Anchorage

From: [Aldyn Brudie](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:52:36 AM

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing to you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

Alaskan breweries and distilleries are not only for-profit businesses; they take a prominent and important role in our communities by being a place to host inclusive, local events that actually make this state a better place to live. It brings our neighbors closer together - bringing out our best philanthropic sides through fundraisers, or heightening our cultural awareness and artistic appreciation through shows and displays from local artists and makers. They are not in direct competition with bars - rather they are a beautiful complement, awakening peoples' interest in local, good quality products, and bringing people out of their homes and into the community. In this time of economic uncertainty in our state, our small businesses need support now more than ever, and the unique role that our breweries and distilleries have in our towns should be celebrated, not minimized.

Thank you for your consideration,

Aldyn Brudie
Juneau

From: [Julius Adolfsson](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:54:07 AM

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Julius Adolfsson
Juneau

From: [Starck Dirk](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: ABC Draft Regulations
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 1:59:28 PM

Alcohol Board,

I am against further restricting craft breweries and taprooms. They are already heavily restricted in comparison similar businesses in the Lower 48. They serve a large segment of the population that wants to go enjoy a craft beverage without going to a typical bar. I'm sure some in the "bar industry" think these breweries cut into their business, but myself and many in my community would not be going to a local bar anyway...it's just not my thing. However, I really enjoy visiting the local craft breweries for a beer or two. I urge you to not restrict them any further.

Please stop the attacks on our local breweries, businesses that bring in tax revenue and provide good jobs in our community. These breweries must close by 8 pm already - they have no effect on bars nor bar restaurants that are open till 2 am. Are they truly threatened by a yoga class or a charity fund raising affair? Come on get your act together - how many bars stop their patrons after 3 drinks? Where is the threat - how about a drunken fight outside bars at 3 am? How about we bring this state into the future and support our family oriented venues that bring value and great beer to our city?

Sincerely,

Dirk Starck

From: [Zachary Ulrich](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Regarding Proposed Brewery Distillery Restrictions
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 2:23:07 PM

Hello,

This is to express my opinion strongly against the proposed restrictions to events at breweries and distilleries. I have not been able to find the actual proposal document, so I'm having to rely on media outlets. Please excuse any flawed assumptions I may have, but my understanding is that a proposal exists to deny breweries and distilleries from hosting events, such as parties or social gatherings. I see no benefit to this restriction. This may cause bar and liquor store sales to drop somewhat, however that isn't cause for regulation. If people begin to gather at breweries and such, that forces bars to improve, either in quality of facility, safer atmospheres, or to provide some other aspect to bring customers in. This is the true advantage of capitalism- the best businesses succeed based on the quality, innovative approach, or competitive pricing. Anecdotally, current social gatherings at breweries tend to be relaxing, safe gatherings. They tend to inspire creative and positive socialization and are free from some of the shady, illegal, or dangerous behaviors often in local bars. Additionally, it's to the breweries advantage to keep this atmosphere or suffer the fate of some of the less reputable bars that have closed.

I have heard the argument that breweries and distilleries are manufacturing facilities and shouldn't be considered 'consuming establishments' due to their industrial nature. As long as it meets safety standards, then it's up to the customer to decide whether a more industrial building is acceptable to visit for a social gathering. Arguing that the breweries and distilleries shouldn't have events simply because it manufactures on site is like arguing that restaurants shouldn't provide food because it is cooked on site. The argument has no real basis in logic and I fear may simply be propagated by bar and liquor store owners who feel threatened and don't want to change.

Thank you for your time in this matter. I'd like to ask that you oppose the proposal to restrict breweries and distilleries in favor of a more open and innovative economy.

Zachary Ulrich

Write your message for AMCO here

Implementing restrictions
or prohibitions, greater
than those already,
only serves to restrict
an industry that
employs many Alaskans
and brings large
revenues for the state
in the form of taxes &
licenses.

I hate the bar scene but love
my local breweries & distilleries



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 26 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

September 24, 2019

To Whom it May Concern,

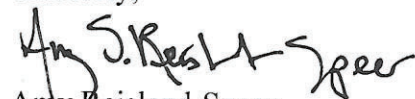
I am writing this letter with deep concern about the proposed regulations concerning distilleries, wineries and breweries in the State of Alaska. Mostly, I am concerned about the proposal that these places of business will have limited if no activities or social gatherings allowed if the proposal passes.

First off, I am a visual artist and have held several First Friday art shows in a few distilleries in the Fairbanks area. I have an opening scheduled October 4 of this year in a distillery. If distilleries, breweries and wineries, are not able to host activities such as art openings and art shows, local artists are limited to other venues. There is a lot of competition for decent venues.. If the Fairbank area loses just 3 locations that is a total of 36 artist who wont be showing art in a year in Fairbanks alone. When you do the math with all the similar business in the State the numbers increase dramatically. Distilleries are allowed to sell minimal alcoholic drinks to each of age guest at these shows. That draws the art appreciation community into these establishments so they can have a drink or two and look at the current works hanging in the tasting rooms. The businesses in which I have had shows handle most of the selling at no expense to me. Neither do they charge commission. After the show opening they continue to complete sales transactions for me that I would not be available to complete on site as they are. When a buyer wants to purchase a painting or work of art they usually want it right away. The business make sure this happens and ensures more sales for all of the artists. It's a win-win situation. The artists sells art and the distillery may sell a bottle of vodka. Both which are good for the local economy.

Secondly, I am a patron of both bars and distilleries, breweries and wineries. If this proposal is encouraged by cabaret, bars and clubs believing the business allowed to sell minimal drinks is making a negative impact on their business I am pretty sure they are mistaken. I am not in the bar industry so I don't have any numbers but when my friends and I attend an art opening at a distillery, we usually finish the night at a local bar. The 3 oz of alcoholic drinks we may or may not purchase at the distillery has no effect on where we spend our time and money consuming alcohol and food later in the evening.

If this proposal goes through it a very big loss for local artists and as we are well aware the arts are already negatively impacted by State budget cuts. Art is an important part of society and should be supported, not negatively impacted because the bar owners are afraid the distilleries are causing them a loss of profit. I don't know of a bar, restaurant or hotel in Fairbanks that even hosts events of this sort. Please keep the art shows active in the distilleries, breweries and wineries in the state of Alaska by refusing these new proposals.

Sincerely,



Amy Reiland-Speer

Healy, Alaska

www.sitsoostudio.com

AMCO

SEP 26 2019

From: [Nina Talawva](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 4:23:40 PM

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nina Talawva
Ketchikan

From: [Oscar Hopps](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 4:25:06 PM

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Oscar Hopps
Ketchikan

From: [Joan](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Proposed regulations re brewery & distillery tasting rooms
Date: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 1:07:37 PM

I am writing to oppose the recently proposed regulations that would prohibit activities such as festivals, classes, and presentations, to name just a few of the activities that would no longer be allowed at brewery and distillery tasting rooms if the regulations are adopted.

I support the status quo.

Thank you.
Joan Brown
4265 Marion Drive
Juneau, AK 99801

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Leon Unruh](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Proposed regulations
Date: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 12:50:48 PM

Greetings, AMCO commissioners.

I'm writing about the proposed regulations for distilleries and breweries.

Please don't forbid those business from hosting art shows, such as First Friday events. These shows are my primary way of seeing what's new and different in art produced in Fairbanks. These are hung by artists generally without galleries of their own -- people like me, who appreciate having a couple of walls on which to hang photos and maybe sell a few shots.

From what I read, the proposed rules would disallow such activity, but I haven't found any lucid discussion on what the benefits of the new rules would be.

I wonder if the proposed regulations fit what Mencken once wrote about Puritanism: "The haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy."

Please do not adopt the proposed regulations.

Thank you.

Leon Unruh
Fairbanks

1 By: Marna Sanford
2 Leah Berman Williams
3 Matt Cooper
4 Liz Lyke
5 Aaron Lojewski
6 Mindy O'Neill
7 Shaun Tacke
8 Geoffrey Wildridge
9 Christopher Quist
10 Introduced: 09/26/2019
11 Adopted: 09/26/2019
12

13 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

14
15 RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 35
16

17 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL
18 OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE
19 CONTROL BOARD
20

21 WHEREAS, The State of Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office through
22 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has issued a notice of proposed changes to 3 AAC
23 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code, regarding the definitions of recreational or
24 gaming opportunities as it pertains to breweries, wineries, and distilleries; and
25

26 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) has several
27 breweries and distilleries that provide an array of events and gatherings that are
28 currently within compliance of the existing code; and
29

30 WHEREAS, The proposed amendment will severely stifle the economic
31 growth of these small business and other breweries, wineries, or distilleries which might
32 consider starting businesses in the Borough in the future; and
33

34 WHEREAS, Events and gatherings hosted by breweries and distilleries in
35 the Borough support and contribute to the community of the Borough in significant
36 ways, such as by hosting First Friday art shows, providing venues for charitable events,
37 supporting local athletic activities, and providing family recreational opportunities not
38 otherwise filled, and the loss of this community support will harm the residents of the
39 Borough; and
40

41 WHEREAS, The current limitations on breweries, wineries and distilleries,
42 through the restrictions imposed on tasting rooms, are substantial enough to distinguish
43 their business model from other establishments, such as bars and restaurants.

44 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
45 North Star Borough opposes the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.

46
47 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough strongly
48 encourages the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to engage all stakeholders before
49 considering a regulation change of this magnitude.

50
51 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this
52 resolution shall be sent to the State of Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office.

53
54 ADOPTED THE 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.
55
56
57
58
59

60
61
62
63
64
65
66
67
68
69
70
71
72
73


Matt Cooper
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Lyke, Wildridge, O'Neill, Williams, Quist, Lojewski, Sanford, Tacke, Cooper
Noes: None

Representative Gary Knopp

District 30

SESSION:

State Capitol, Room 424
Juneau, AK 99801 - 1183
Phone: 907-465-2693



INTERIM:

145 Main Street Loop, Room 221
Kenai, Alaska 99611
907-283-2690

AMCO Board Members,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed regulation change to 3 AAC 304.390, defining "other recreational or gaming opportunities".

I believe it is imperative that we support the evolution of new trends and small business in Alaska, instead of obstructing an up and coming industry. Alaska needs to be open for all business. How are small businesses supposed to succeed when the Statutes and Regulations they built their business to adhere to are constantly being challenged and misinterpreted.

I think a very important point to consider is the fact; that the facility owners are not marketing their space or charging a fee to host these types of events, as much as their facilities are being sought after by event organizers. I believe that this is keeping with the legislative intent of these facilities not marketing or promoting entertainment for their business.

You mentioned in your notice of regulation change that you were attempting to comply with legislative intent, I do not believe this was ever the intent of the Legislature. I believe the intent is being misinterpreted by the ABC board and staff. It is an inconceivable notion that a legislative body could envision and address every possible scenario that may arise.

Most importantly, in my District, this change will have a large impact on our communities' non-profit organizations which utilize these facilities free of charge (donated) for local fundraisers. This year alone, breweries in our area in conjunction with a large range of local non-profit organizations including: Casting for a Cure, American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, Tsalteshi Trials Association, Kenai Watershed Forum and Kenai Peninsula Orchestra (just to name a few), have helped raise over \$50,000 to benefit the communities of Kenai and Soldotna. It would be a real shame to see these small Alaskan businesses lose the potential to support their communities and non-profits in the way that they do.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 907-283-2690.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Knopp".

Representative Gary Knopp



44129 Sterling Hwy | Soldotna, AK 99669

Phone (907) 260-5449 | Fax (907) 260-5412 | www.kenaiwatershed.org

October 1, 2019

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce
Community of Economic Development
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF), please accept this letter **in opposition of the proposed changes to statute 3 AAC 302.390**, also known as the "entertainment statute." These proposed changes are inconsistent with the mission of the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) and would excessively restrict the targeted industries (breweries, taprooms) throughout Alaska.

These businesses in Alaska already face some of the strictest regulations in the country and these proposed changes only further prevent these businesses from having positive impacts within their respective communities. The new language being proposed will prevent these businesses from hosting fundraisers and educational events, supporting local artisans and a number of other creative, valuable and community-orientated activities that many nonprofit partners, among others, benefit from.

Our experience with our local breweries has been extremely positive, and we believe these businesses add value to our community, contribute to a vibrant society and provide a safe, common-space for community members to connect with one another.

As an organization that strives to work together with diverse partners in all aspects of our mission, KWF recognizes the restrictions these proposed changes would place on our valued community members and asks that you respectfully re-consider these changes. As an organization nearly 25 years old on the Kenai Peninsula, **we oppose the new language, and the restrictions it would bring, to statute 3 AAC 302.390.**

Thank you for your time, please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Branden Bornemann", written in a cursive style.

Branden Bornemann
Executive Director
Kenai Watershed Forum

From: [Cindy Nelson](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Brewery's blood in community
Date: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 10:11:07 AM

Hi,

I am a concerned community member in Homer and have been pleased with what our community breweries, wineries are doing.

The embracing and living within our town and conducting a great business in Homer has given a wonderful place to conduct extraordinary events in their choice of business. This has created a good space to gather and share similar ideas or collective events.

where many venues are expensive to rent, having these businesses are necessary to conduct other business, events and social gatherings.

I hope you think of this while debating and censor the restrictions to good tax gathering businesses

Thanks Cindy Nelson

1281 Beluga court

Homer

From: [Miles Gayton](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: 3 AAC 304.390 Comment
Date: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 9:48:27 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Juneau, Alaska. Recently I was made aware of the state's proposed revisions to the definition of "recreational or gaming opportunities". While I recognize that the current wording may be considered too vague, the proposed is much worse. The new wording would remove local artists' work off walls. It would erase a space used by local organizations such as Juneau Trail Mix, a group that has dedicated innumerable hours to developing such an appreciated network of trails around our beautiful hometown. These spaces that we could potentially lose did not take the place of ones preexisting in bars and restaurants. No, they are new and they are valuable. But their value is not in what they put in the pockets of the business owners who host them. It is in what they provide for the community and its improvement as a whole.

Beyond this I am confused why you would prohibit distilleries, wineries, cideries and breweries from advertising social gatherings, while continuing to allow bars and restaurants to do so. What is really going here?

I strongly urge you not to rush these changes. This draft that you have proposed is unconstitutional and need much reworking. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

--

Miles Gayton

Outdoor Guide/Naturalist, *Above & Beyond Alaska LLC*.

mobile: (907) 209-5907

email: miles2k@gmail.com

From: [Lisa Webb/Fellows](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Regulations on breweries
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 8:02:24 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing concerning proposed regulation that would limit local breweries from being able to host fundraisers and community meetings. Our two local breweries in Homer are integral to our community hosting slide shows, First Friday Art exhibits, and local fundraisers. They do not compete with the local bars but do compliment them by being open earlier and with limited presence. What they offer is a place to meet after work hours and provide a meeting place for local groups. They have raised money for local nonprofits in excess of \$70,000 this past year alone. With a decrease In state funding, these fundraisers are no longer a luxury but a depended upon vehicle to raise money.

Please do not change the verbiage pertaining to the ability of local breweries and distilleries to provide a place that supports peaceful gathering and free speech.

Respectfully,
Lisa M. Fellows
58225 Brenton Avenue
Homer, Alaska. 99603
907-399-1451

From: [Elizabeth Wilkins](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 52
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 7:26:07 PM

Dear lawmakers,

I cannot implore you enough to please cease putting restrictions on breweries and distilleries in the State of Alaska. Here are my reasons why this could be extremely detrimental to our communities.

1. These are the new form of community centers and cultural institutions. Our communities are seriously lacking places where locals gather to celebrate and support for numerous events and institutions that benefit our community. These include fundraisers, local artist evenings, young and emerging artist and musicians and beyond. With a 3 drink limitation this is not a danger of corruption.
2. Breweries and distilleries are a boon to our local economy. Not only do they employ some pretty amazing humans, but they create entrepreneurs with our younger generation. They keep dollars within our communities and they create jobs.
3. Breweries and Distilleries are often fairly sustainable. The Alaskan Brewery uses their spent grains to create energy for their plant. How cool is that? Amalga Distillery uses locally harvested products AND they keep farmers in business. As a resident, I can sell my rhubarb and other plants to be used in both non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks that can also be excellent gifts.
4. As an educator, I am keenly aware of how many issues our community faces. Trust me, breweries and distilleries are wholesome family business that can only sustain our communities. Imagine if we could be like the rest of the country to have music, family games and beyond? The possibilities are endless.

Thank you for your consideration,
Elizabeth Wilkins
24625 Glacier Highway
Juneau, AK 99801

From: [lee](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Comment on 3 AAC 304.390 Proposal
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 4:41:23 PM

To Whom it may Concern,

I write to you on behalf of the Brewer's Guild of Alaska, a trade organization that represents craft breweries, cider makers, and wineries across the state of Alaska. Recently, AMCO was commissioned to create clearer regulatory language with regards to AS 04.11.130 (e)(1). While the Brewer's Guild appreciates the effort of AMCO to create a clear regulatory framework for businesses to operate within, the proposal itself is wrought with flaws and contains similarly ambiguous language that the regulatory project intended to clarify.

The proposed language contains vague and undefined terms such as "festivals" and "presentations". These terms are not defined in regulation or statute, therefore the AMCO effort to clarify "other recreational or gaming activities..." with even more broad and undefined terminology is a failure with regards to this regulatory project.

Furthermore, the regulations proposed are well outside the powers and duties of AMCO and the ABC Board set forth in AS 04.06.090. AMCO's proposed language is unenforceable as it is outside the regulatory enforcement duties granted by the State of Alaska and clearly violates the commercial constitutional rights of Breweries, Distilleries, and Wineries. It is highly unlikely that the proposed language would survive a court challenge and if adopted will only serve to waste the time and resources of business owners and the State of Alaska.

In conclusion, The Brewer's Guild of Alaska requests that the ABC board decline to adopt this proposed regulation and allow the Title 4 re-write process that is currently underway to be completed before requesting any further regulatory projects with regards to manufacturers. For over a decade the applicable statute has existed without further regulatory clarification required, resulting in zero adverse health or safety concerns for Alaskans and its visitors.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Lee Ellis

President

Brewer's Guild of Alaska

From: [Dana Nelson](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 4:09:46 PM

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dana Nelson
Homer

From: [mitch michaud](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Proposed changes/interpretive regulations for 3 AAC 304.390
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 4:03:45 PM

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

I am very much concerned about the proposed clarification of the above regulations.

1. Regulations should be developed to protect the safety and welfare of the public. To create regulations before any problems occur is not the roll of government. Take home note ... **Stay out of the public safety and welfare unless there is a problem**

Alcohol regulations in Alaska are a Prohibition Era relic that occurred when the 18th amendment was repealed. History shows how the sale of all alcohol was regulated at that time to benefit a small number of breweries, distilleries and even growers of hops. The proposed changes again reflect this bias that is protectionist in nature and anti trade. Take home note...**Keep business out of the regulatory process**

2. The situation in Alaska as it related to alcohol licensure is a failure. I understand the situation when a license cost exceed \$100,000 and holders of new operations have an incredible investment that they may never be able to recoup, without upping the value of the license in a resale. This is an issue that AMCO should be concentrating on. In a "flat world" where business sectors are being deregulated, energy, power distribution, medicine, insurance, banking for the purpose of a market environment, Alaska is a societal and business throw back. Let the market decide and let people vote with their pocket book. Take home note... **Let market conditions decided what is allowed in a community**

3. Ale houses and breweries have been the assembly points for people to discuss, talk, enjoy company, celebrate and gather ones thought before moving on the what life brings them.. As my teenage children told me... Dad is so much happier after he stops at brewery, before we come home. I typically only have no more than a pint at any stop. The ability to gather, meet and express oneself is an inalienable right. Controlling what occurs at a brewery infringes on my rights. Take home note. .. **Let the patrons decide what occurs at the Ale house or brewery.** I visit many breweries in Alaska and the rest of the country. I avoid restaurants that have an attached bar, Like wise I avoid places with live entertainment while I eat. These are decisions that I make every day. Restrictions on what does or does not occur at a brewery would best be determined my market conditions.

4. Most of the brewery regulations have encouraged me visit breweries, Limit of the number of drinks, hours of operation all lead a better social atmosphere and work environment. What concerns me about AMCO is the continued focus on breweries and ale houses and very outward appearance of restraint of trade and conflict of interest. I know of no state in the northern US where this occurs. Take home message. **Cruel, unusual and predatory regulations will result in a legislative or public action**, remember the "right to brew campaign"? This maybe one of the first nonpartisan issues this state has rallied around in many years.

Presented by Mitchell Michaud, PMB 357, 35555 Spur HWY, (43973 shirley way) Soldotna Alaska.

From: [Mike Danz](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Brewery regulations
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 2:42:59 PM

Hello,

Our local non profit holds regular trip reports at local breweries in the Mat su and I was writing you to show my support for their ability to do this. I hope any legislation that is up for consideration understands that this is a important way for our membership to connect and rally support. Please don't limit breweries ability to host public events.

Respectfully yours,

Mike Danz
Palmer Alaska

From: [Landa Baily](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: ABC Board . Wineries . Breweries . Distilleries . Proposed Regulations
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 2:25:09 PM

Dear Members of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board:

I write in strong opposition to the proposed regulation that would prohibit breweries, distilleries and wineries from serving their own products during community events.

The consumption rules already in place for these establishments are consistent with the board's mission protect the public from harm.

Excluding these establishments from serving their own products during community events in conformance with the already restrictive conditions, does nothing to protect the public from harm, and instead **only serves to impede commerce and to undermine the spirit of community.**

I think this proposed regulation falls into the category of "doing unprovoked good."

Please do not adopt the proposed regulation.

Very truly yours,
Landa Baily
PO Box 2953 / 4685 Craftsman Road
Homer, AK 99603
907.435.4234

From: [A. Rene Dervaes III](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Distillery Comments
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 1:47:14 PM

Prohibiting breweries and distilleries from allowing festivals, games and competitions, classes, public parties, presentations or performances and other social gatherings advertised to the general public brings harm to the community that these establishments serve by limiting the degree to which these local businesses can contribute to their respective communities and community causes. These businesses just like any other local business are supported by their neighbors and should be able to use their store fronts and operations to gather friends and make new ones encouraging and facilitating community bonding. In my local community these new upstarts are some of the most generous local businesses we have, often donating time, space and goods to champion local causes that serve to support healthy, happy lives. With the limit on how much one can consume already set, and the premium one pays for hand-crafted small batch beers, these are not places that attract folks who are looking to get a cheap drunk on, but rather cater to the more educated and financially secure members of the community, who are typically the ones that have the time and means to support/donate to the local causes that help ALL members of the community. Please reconsider this micromanagement of our microbreweries and distilleries as they will consequently grow and therefore be in a better position to continue their generous philanthropic support.

Thank you!

Rene Dervaes
Palmer

From: [David Kaufmann](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Brewery Regulations
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 1:19:48 PM

Hello,

I am a Homer resident writing to oppose the proposed changes to the laws that regulate Breweries.

I am a parent of young children. Recently I attended a film viewing and discussion about raising boys put on by a local preschool provider and hosted at a local brewery. To think that this kind of thing could possibly have any negative impact on our community is unfathomable. This is one example of many positive things our breweries do to bring people together in meaningful ways. Please don't regulate those good things away.

Thanks for reading.

David Kaufmann
55946 Tomcat Dr.
PO Box 1917
Homer, AK 99603

From: [paul douglas](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: 3 AAC 304.390 (a)
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 11:47:08 AM

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Re: 3 AAC 304.390(a)

As a 20-year resident in Juneau, Alaska I have been privileged numerous times to host, to attend, and to participate in “other recreational or gaming opportunities” as defined in the proposed changes in the regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Many instances of open to the public events currently occur in tasting rooms in Juneau including educational tours and lectures on the products served by the manufacturers, First Friday art exhibits, non-profit agency sponsored information sharing and fund raising events, and many more. Defining these types of opportunities as unacceptable to be conducted in tasting rooms not only obstructs the manufacturer from educating the public about their product but also prevents the general public from enjoying access to artistic, cultural and humanitarian events and opportunities.

In short, the entire Juneau community will suffer if this proposed change to regulations become law.

Paul Douglas
3014 Foster Ave.
Juneau, AK 99801

From: [Michele](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Regulating events at breweries and distilleries
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 12:10:11 PM

To the Alcohol Beverage Control Board Members,

I am concerned about any attempt to stifle community events at breweries and distilleries. In small towns especially, craft breweries contribute to the well-being of communities as a place to gather for those consuming alcoholic beverages and even for those who don't. These are not like bars where patrons are more likely to seek 'getting drunk'. If one was intent on abusing alcohol, craft breweries and distilleries would not be the place to go as the cost is more expensive and the idea is to enjoy quality not quantity.

Outlawing parties, meetings, First Friday art events at breweries makes no sense and would be detrimental since there are few other places for healthy social interaction among all sort of community members.

Sincerely, Michele Cornelius

Gustavus, formerly of Haines

From: [Gene Cornelius](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Regarding 3 AAC 304.390 Definitions
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 11:47:07 AM

To the Alcohol Beverage Control Board Members,

I am writing to express my inability to understand why the AMCO would seek to curtail community gatherings, art shows, organized events of any type, or limit other recreational activities at small local craft breweries and distilleries.

Since I do not understand the real motive, I cannot comment specifically to such an endeavor, but perhaps, if you will allow, I might offer some points that could illustrate the value of continuing to permit these vital social activities.

The pride of craftsmanship (making of fine craft beers and spirits) is something that has demonstrable effects beyond the quality of the product and the personal pride of the maker. These effects manifest in myriad ways, from engendering a sense of quality, brought on by both the obvious (painstaking care and cost of production) and presentation, along with its associated price; this sets the product itself as well as the place it is sold/tasted/enjoyed apart from a "seedy" bar or a common late night liquor store. Because of this, patrons are less likely to approach the (brewery or distillery) with mind to the low goal of "getting drunk with the guys". No, this is a very different sort of clientele!

It may be hard to believe, but not all customers of breweries and distilleries actually imbibe! Others do so very moderately. A brewery's tasting room is not a place to swill. Go to a bar for that. (I am one who never sets foot in bars)

A meeting place for people, culture, community, art, and a politically neutral safe haven for people to meet and celebrate life's punctuations could not, in my mind, be a bad thing. Quite the contrary. In fact, a welcoming, supportive atmosphere for community members and visitors both to share stories, art, and even classes or talks, is so far removed from the idea of the "bar" that I am quite surprised that the AMCO deems it necessary to curb these "goings-on".

No, you see, the issue you perceive is not the fact that throughout agrarian history, humans have been getting together and enjoying life, brews, culture, and art. Yes, they've even had fun at the same time! Shocking, I know, but the reality is that the vast majority of these people lead normal, productive lives. Because of the interwoven community and interpersonal support, people with financial, emotional, or physical complaints are more more likely to get the help they need before the issue manifests into a real problem.

The "real" problems are in the dark. Lonely people, pre-suicides, drunk drivers, rowdies in fistfights, thieves, underage drinking (and associated issues), and for instance, littering. When you see alcohol-related trash on the side of the road, how often is it the container of some cheap beer or booze? Did the container come from a craft brewery? Usually not.

I suspect the real issue here could something more sinister ...perhaps profit-based (tax-paying bars complaining of lost revenue?), or less-sinister but more pervasive: A misguided sense that laying down the law will help people not ruin lives. Missionary syndrome? Temperance

evangelism?

The obvious extension of your prohibition (yes, I used that word on purpose) of various natural, fun, cultural and educational activities at a community haven is that the very people you seek to control with laws and taxes will not go away .. they will simply vanish out of sight. (Again, refer to Prohibition, and consider how well that worked). It is, sadly, not too uncommon for governments/lawmakers to be out-of-touch with the reality of the way people function in society. I'm sure the intent of the AMCO is well-meant, but in reality, the new definitions proposed will have more deleterious effect on hard-working artisanal breweries' and distilleries' businesses and the people of the communities that support them, and in turn are enriched by their presence, than any benefit you may hope for.

Sincerely,

Gene Cornelius
PO Box 295
1 Bunchberry Lane
Gustavus, AK 99826
(907) 235-3975

From: [Ken Landfield](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Regulation of breweries
Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 12:03:47 AM

I can speak for the two breweries and one winery in Homer, and the various bars, and would like to assure you that further regulation is unnecessary and likely detrimental, that the breweries and winery provide excellent services to the community and in no way compete or interfere with the bars, which also provide excellent but distinct services. Please let them all do the fine jobs they are doing without additional and unnecessary complication. Thank you.

Ken Landfield
PO Box 2013
Homer AK

From: [Andrew Haas](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
Date: Sunday, September 29, 2019 8:21:43 PM

Good evening.

I strongly oppose your proposed regulations restricting opportunities for Breweries.

I am a 58-year old attorney in Homer, where I have lived since 1992.

Through activities, our two breweries have helped nonprofits in our town, generating over seventy thousand dollars donated to nonprofits.

By contrast, we do not have a single bar in Homer that generates such help for nonprofits.

Your proposed prohibition would eliminate that in the future.

Pleas do not allow this proposal to take effect.

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.

[https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.avast.com/antivirus__!9_CTV20a17M!-3EZteDenJjtODMcLdmU4-5h8IIDFYAoHsPi3jocflpFNbgxy7f84EjXAQOiWuxjVwQ\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.avast.com/antivirus__!9_CTV20a17M!-3EZteDenJjtODMcLdmU4-5h8IIDFYAoHsPi3jocflpFNbgxy7f84EjXAQOiWuxjVwQ$)

From: [Lori Murray](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Brewery Regulations
Date: Sunday, September 29, 2019 4:27:08 PM

I need to inform you that I think your new planned clarifications to the restrictions on brewerys are going too far. I greatly enjoy fund raising events at my local brewerys and would like them to continue. In fact I would like the current regulations revised to allow live music to be performed.

Lori Murray
PO Box 1910
Homer, AK. 99603

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Justine Muench](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Proposed regulations
Date: Sunday, September 29, 2019 1:50:40 PM

Dear Chair and AMCO board members,

As an Alaskan resident of 41 years and Juneau resident , I am opposed to the proposed regulations limiting activities at distilleries and breweries . This is an archaic proposal that diminishes business opportunities and friendly family gatherings in safe places. My family and I do not go to bars to drink but we do go to the breweries and distilleries in the state because we can also bring family to events, host gatherings like wedding receptions , birthdays and support local artists and craftsmen. We are only allowed 2 drinks in the distillery so no one is getting drunk and it is well lit and has beautiful surroundings with other like minded individuals who are not inebriated. This outdated 50's prohibition style proposed change in regulation appears to have a hidden agenda from out of nowhere and appears to support bars over other businesses which is not what the role of the AMCB should be , to show favoritism! I strongly urge you to not adopt the proposed regulations . Justine Muench

Sent from my iPhone Justine

From: [Scharla Baker](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Letter of Opposition for Proposed Regulations
Date: Sunday, September 29, 2019 12:51:06 PM

ABC Board Members,

I was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. I consider this place my home and one of the most unique places in the world. One of the things my husband and I love about our community is the various craft beverage places we can go and have a good beer or cocktail. Places that were built by other Alaskans that had something unique to share with us. Many times we will forgo movies and restaurants and support these local business with our time and money instead. We don't like bars and never have. Instead we can spend a few hours on a Friday night with friends or for date night and enjoy local art, food trucks, and get to chat with the makers of the craft beverages we are enjoying. It's a welcoming place. The regulations that are proposed will continue to limit the types of entertainment and events that can be held at craft breweries and distilleries. In fact the current regulations are more restrictive than they should be in this regard. It seems instead of trying to impose restrictive regulations the board may be better served helping these business expand in the market that will only benefit the Alaskan economy. We have a community spirit of support and entrepreneurship that is evident in our craft beverage scene. Please consider abandoning these restrictive regulations and allow the continued spirit of supporting local Alaskan business to continue in our state.

Respectfully,

Scharla K. Baker
240-0558 Cell

From: [Mike Prax](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Cc: [Sackett, Jim D \(GOV\)](#); [Coghill, John \(LEG\)](#); [Wilson, Tammie \(LEG\)](#); [FNSB Assembly](#); info@alaskacharr.com
Subject: PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019 2:08:10 PM

Dear Alcoholic Beverage Control Board;

I am commenting as a member of the general public. My interest in this matter is preventing unjustified state interference with our "natural right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". I hold no interest in any license pertaining to manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing alcoholic beverages.

This proposal attempts to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" that would not be 'allowed' in a brewery, distillery, or winery operated under license from the State of Alaska by specifying several other activities that would be prohibited in addition to the list of activities that are already prohibited in these establishments by existing statutes or regulations.

The activities that are already prohibited are:

- live entertainment,
- televisions,
- pool tables,
- dart games,
- dancing,
- electronic or other games,
- game tables,

The 'other recreational or gaming opportunities' that would be specifically listed by this proposal are:

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

It is important to note several things about the activities that are currently prohibited as well as those proposed to be prohibited:

- None of these activities pose a threat to public health
- None of these activities are by themselves 'illegal'
- None of these activities would be prohibited if performed in a venue licensed under AS 04.11.090 as a 'Beverage Dispensary'

From the perspective of 'public health', there is no distinction between serving beverages that are brewed, distilled, or fermented on site or delivered to the site for sale, nor does it make any difference whether the listed activities are performed at one site or the other; therefore there is no 'compelling reason', based on protecting public health, for the state to prohibit the activities

at a brewery, distillery, or winery - especially considering they are not prohibited at a 'beverage dispensary'.

Therefore, the proposed changes to the definition of recreational or gaming opportunities should not be adopted.

Furthermore, the board should rescind existing regulations that prohibit these activities and recommend to the legislature that statutes that prohibit recreational activities in businesses licensed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board that do not pose a risk to public health should be repealed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mike Prax
1015 Meadow Rue
North Pole, AK 99705

(907) 378-5667

From: [Ruth](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Support of Alaska Breweries & Distilleries
Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019 10:02:33 AM

I would like to register my support for the ability of Alaska Breweries and Distilleries to continue to have special events at their establishments.

Regards,

Ruth Stratton an Alaskan resident for 50 years.

From: [Ruth Dickerson](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: ABC Clarifications to Brewery tap room regulations
Date: Friday, September 27, 2019 10:57:38 PM

Please be careful not to restrict the way that 'tap rooms' can be such a valuable asset to education, social life, philanthropy, the arts, community spirit etc etc.

I am not really a beer drinker, but I am a supporter of the arts, non-profits, outdoor education and travel dialogues so my life has been so much richer because of all the events I have attended at our local tap rooms.

I really hope that in making your recommendations and decisions on regulations you will consider the incredible value of such community gatherings /events. My favorite such venue is Grace Ridge Brewery in Homer and I am sure they and the patrons would welcome you to attend a First Friday Art Show, a State Park Trails info session, a Food Pantry or Mexican Refugee Fundraiser and experience the positive energy and the camaraderie, (And be aware that all the tips in the jar will be supporting a local non-profit).

Please, please don't take this away from us.

Maybe you could be so kind as to consider allowing non-paid live music. Why not?

Thanks for reading this.

A concerned citizen - wishing to encourage more joy in our world

Ruth Dickerson
523 Elderberry Dr
Homer Ak 99603

From: [Bill Britt](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Brewery Tasting Rooms
Date: Friday, September 27, 2019 9:22:56 PM

Ms. McConnell –

I don't drink much. I rarely go out to drink. When I do, with friends, we generally end up at one of Alaska's breweries. Rarely do we end up at a "bar" after biking, hiking or climbing. Never, really. We go have a beer at a place that is open and lighted.

The Gaslight and Buckaroo Club and Pioneer and other bars should be free to attract and serve their customers. So should King Street and Midnight Sun and Broken Tooth and other breweries that serve me and my friends. Using AMCO to stifle the competition between the two categories is unfair and counterproductive.

I oppose any regulations that expand the already silly list of prohibitions on brewer tasting rooms. The folks that own the breweries are exactly the kind of entrepreneurs that Alaska should be encouraging, not discouraging. Stop being a tool of CHAR.

Bill Britt

From: [Louis Dupree](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: re
Date: Friday, September 27, 2019 3:41:00 PM

I am writing this in support of Alaskan breweries.

Our breweries here in Homer are a positive force in our community.
They donate time, energy and location for many non profit activeties.

They are nice place to visit, no TV's, no pool tables, a place where one can a beer and a quiet conversation.

I also enjoy a drink in a bar, but it is a different place with different activities.
Please leave them as they are

Louis Dupree
235 9697

Homer, AK

From: [Tim Shoemaker](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: 3 AAC 304.390
Date: Friday, September 27, 2019 3:12:31 PM

> Good Afternoon:

>

> After reviewing he proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions I do not believe its inclusion will be of benefit to the public (consumers) at any level. Looking to bring forth ridiculous limitations to consumers state mandated acceptable “recreational and gaming” activities is unnecessarily restricting citizens the opportunity to openly gather in a public location of their choosing. Citizens should be allowed to participate in basic freedoms. Being able to gather in a location other than a bar to enjoy art work, Retirement Party and such, should be a viable option for every one whether they’re in a tap room or bar. This type of personal freedom (decision-making) is a constitutional right of citizens.

>

> Moreover, tap rooms are specifically regulated on the amount of alcohol which can be served to consumers and their operating hours; for example bars do not have such strict requirements. Shouldn’t bars be given the same restrictions?

>

> As a consumer, I believe I should be given the option to attend a gathering at a tap room or bar; if I so choose. I do not believe these changes will be in the best interest of consumers at any level.

>

> Thank you.

>

> Tim S.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jessica Miller](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Strongly Opposed to 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions
Date: Friday, September 27, 2019 11:23:16 AM

To whom it may concern:

As a member of the Anchorage community, I strongly oppose the proposed regulation that would not allow local manufacturers to host "other recreational or gaming opportunities." These manufacturers frequently pair with local charities and non-profit organizations for "recreational opportunities" that benefit these organizations and enhances community atmosphere and engagement. I strongly feel that this proposed regulation will only have negative effects on the community and the local economy.

Please do not allow this proposed regulation to pass.

Thank you,
Jessica Miller

From: [Adam Mehlhorn](#)
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Oppose proposed regulations restricting brewers and distillers from hosting events
Date: Friday, September 27, 2019 9:02:29 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am a permanent and year round resident of Alaska, living within Fairbanks. I am writing to let you know that I wholeheartedly oppose any new proposed state regulations that would prevent brewers and distillers from hosting events. This is an antiquated notion and would be detrimental to local businesses and economy. The breweries and distilleries are a HUGE draw for me and a place I take visitors. It would be awful to no have as many reasons to take them to these place because it just wouldn't be as fun. I can't imagine not taking them to a first Friday event.

Frankly, this proposed regulation and other that are already in effect in Alaska are ridiculous and backwards thinking. I was recently on a trip to Montana and was blown away by how great the breweries were there. They had games, food trucks, music, and other activities all of which were wholesome AND family friendly environment. Alaska, always prides it's self a such a libertarian, no big gov't kind of place, but these draconian rules about breweries not being able to have yard game or a distillery being able to have live music is ridiculous! I've always dreamed of opening a business like a small brewery myself, when I retire, but I know if these ridiculous proposed regulations are approved and these other old ones aren't repealed, this state is no longer the place I'd choose to live and raise my family and invest in a personal business.

Thank you for your time.

ALASKAN FRONTIER
I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Jamie Smith
PO Box 62252
Fairbanks, AK
99708

AMCO
SEP 30 2019

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board
550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501



Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

To show it May mean:
For decades my artwork has been featured at
many of the targeted establishments. These shows
have fostered relationships between our community
and local businesses and created unique opportunities
that this proposed legislation would end.

Chris Giff

DRINK LOCAL

ALASKAN FRONTIER
I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach



We value our
business and
distilleries!
Please let them
be.

Julie Maxilton

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

©2020 Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers Association. All rights reserved. This is a promotional campaign to support local alcohol manufacturers in Alaska.

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Please stop
over regulating
the distillery!!
We love our
local businesses

Sherrill Hayes



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

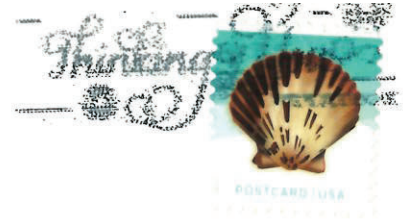


Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

ALASKAN FRONTIER

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

F.Y.
David R. L.
Cameron

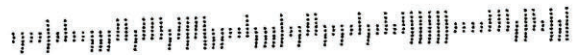


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

When you buy local, you support the local economy and help sustain the local environment. Local products are often fresher and of higher quality. They also help reduce the carbon footprint by supporting local production and distribution. Local products are often more affordable than imported goods. They also help support the local economy by creating jobs and keeping money in the community. Local products are often more sustainable than imported goods. They also help support the local environment by reducing the carbon footprint. Local products are often more delicious than imported goods. They also help support the local culture by preserving traditional recipes and production methods. Local products are often more unique than imported goods. They also help support the local identity by promoting local pride and heritage. Local products are often more reliable than imported goods. They also help support the local economy by ensuring a steady supply of goods and services. Local products are often more secure than imported goods. They also help support the local environment by reducing the risk of supply chain disruptions. Local products are often more transparent than imported goods. They also help support the local economy by providing a clear path from producer to consumer. Local products are often more trustworthy than imported goods. They also help support the local environment by ensuring that products are produced in a responsible and ethical manner. Local products are often more delicious than imported goods. They also help support the local culture by preserving traditional recipes and production methods. Local products are often more unique than imported goods. They also help support the local identity by promoting local pride and heritage. Local products are often more reliable than imported goods. They also help support the local economy by ensuring a steady supply of goods and services. Local products are often more secure than imported goods. They also help support the local environment by reducing the risk of supply chain disruptions. Local products are often more transparent than imported goods. They also help support the local economy by providing a clear path from producer to consumer. Local products are often more trustworthy than imported goods. They also help support the local environment by ensuring that products are produced in a responsible and ethical manner.

I strongly **OPPOSE** proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

↑↑↑
Need I say
more.
Margaret
Rogers

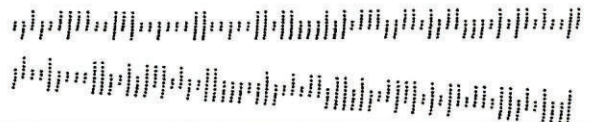


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

ALASKAN FRONTIER

505-547

29 SEP 2019 PM 11



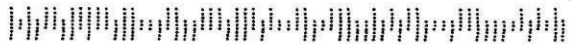
No fun ?!

Nancy Burnham
Don Cameron

SEP 30 2019

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501





DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Alaska Department of Commerce, Economic Development and Tourism. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without permission in writing from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Economic Development and Tourism. 2014-2015. Printed in Alaska.

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995 997

29 SEP 2019 PM 1 L



DEAR AMCO,

THE PROPOSED REGULATION
MAKES NO SENSE. IT
ONLY SERVES TO
STIFLE THESE BUSINESSES.
PLEASE REJECT THIS
REGULATION.

THANK YOU
BOB BOCLAND

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600

AMSC Anchorage AK 99501

SEP 30 2019





DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

©2020 Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers Association. All rights reserved. This is a promotional campaign for local alcohol manufacturers in Alaska.

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

It makes it hard
for small town
Distillers & Brewery to
thrive.

Chris N.

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019





DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Alaska Department of Commerce, Development, and Tourism | 1400 West Northern Avenue, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 | 907.267.2000 | alaska.gov

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Dear People of AK
that make policy
decision on alcohol,
Stop trying to
hustle our local
business people.

Best

Dr. Cundiff

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 24 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

ALASKAN FRONTIER
I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Jesse Coleman
2570 Linda Lane #1
Fairbanks, AK
99709

Question: why is regulating
small businesses a sin
in the State of Alaska
EXCEPT in this instance?

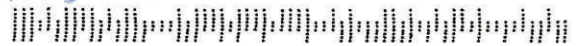


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019





DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

www.alaska.gov/industry/alcohol

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Give us back
our tasting
Rooms!

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019






DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Please do not
pass bill. I
support local
business.

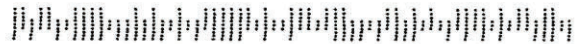
Steven Scheller


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

Alaska's local alcohol manufacturers are a vital part of our state's economy and culture. By supporting them, you're helping to sustain our local economy and preserve our unique heritage. Visit www.alaskadrinklocal.com for more information.

Write your message for AMCO here

HELLO,

AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER MYSELF

I WORK WITH HOARFROST & URSIA MAJOR

DURING THE SUMMER SEASON.

THIS PROPOSED CHANGE

YOU WANT TO MAKE IS

STIFLING NOT ONLY TO THEM

BUT THE MANY PAYING

PATRONS WHO FREQUENT
THESE ESTABLISHMENTS.

SERIOUSLY RECONSIDER WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING &

ALLOW THE DISTILLERIES & BREWERIES AS PART
OF THE PROGRAMS!

MARK BRIDGEWATER
*THE HAWAIIAN SHACK

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-597

29 SEP 2019

ENERGY



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue

Suite 1600

Anchorage AK 99501

SEP 30 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER
\$95-\$97

29 SEP 2019 PM 11

We love our
LOCAL FAIRBANKS
distilleries
and Breweries.
Keep them
running!

A. Rybkin
4325 Driftwood Ct. Fairbanks, AK, 99709



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Economic Development, 1400 West Northern Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-997

29 SEP 2019 PM 1 L



Marketing
is

NOT
~

illegal.

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

www.alaska.gov

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-997

29 SEP 2019 PM 1 L

We oppose these
proposed regulations!
Support our local
distilleries + small
business owners -
they make our town
a better place.

Trish & Caleb
Ekberg
Fairbanks, AK



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-997

20 SEP 2019 PM 1 L

No More Over-Reach
of our Local Breweries
and Distilleries. Keep
it Local!



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019





DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Alaska's local alcohol industry is a vital part of the state's economy and culture. By supporting local manufacturers, consumers can enjoy unique products while also supporting the local economy. This campaign aims to raise awareness and encourage consumers to choose local alcohol products.

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

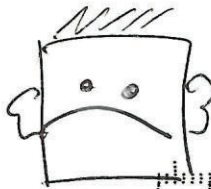
995-997

29 SEP 2019 PM 1 L



You make
people

have NO FUN

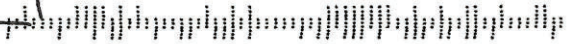


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

Tasting rooms are
a responsible place
to socialize after
work. I don't,
won't go to bars.
They don't take away
bar clientele, because
people who go to tasting
rooms prefer not to
go the bar scene. Leave
them for those of us who
choose to frequent them!

ALASKAN FRONTIER

SEP 29 2019 PM 1 L



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

SEP 30 2019

Connie Browder
Alcohol & Marijuana Control Board

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Economic Development, 1400 West Northern Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2000

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER
995-507
2019 SEP 03 PM 1 L

Please, please,
please be
fair to our
local distillers.
I don't go to
bars. I love
the tasting room
environment in
Alaska! Regulate
safety not profits.



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 3 0 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

HELLO I would just like to
say that I really enjoy
having the opportunity to
support my local distilleries
here in Fairbanks. I like that
I can go and get samples
of local products and not
have the same environment
as a bar or club. I feel
safe in my local testing
rooms and that means
a lot to me and my
wife. Please, please continue
testing to continue providing this service.

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-107

29 SEP 2019 PM 11

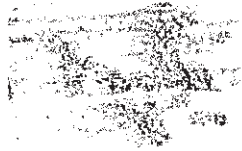


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

SEP 30 2019

Sincerely, Brandon
Grover
99700



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

© 2013 Alaska Beverage Manufacturers Association. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without prior written permission from the Alaska Beverage Manufacturers Association.

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-9557

20 SEP 2019 PM 11



Tasting rooms
are such a tasteful,
comfortable environment
to come to after work
or for a date night.
I have no desire
to spend time in a
crowded, smoky bar.
I want to enjoy good
company & good
drinks in a wonderful
environment.

Tiffany
Baker

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

© 2018 Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers Association. All rights reserved. This document is the property of the Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers Association and is not to be reproduced without written permission.

Write your message for AMCO here

1/2 years
the regulation
proposed by
AMCO to
stifle the
Breweries &
distilleries
the public &
businesses
don't need
this

ALASKA POSTAGE

995-501

23 SEP 2019 PM 11



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

THOMAS BRONK

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

[illegible]

Write your message for AMCO here

Dear AMCO
members,
Please do not emit
our abilities to
advertise to public
and have events.
The tasting room
supports our business
while we are working
on promoting our brand.
Our investments have
been much more, than
any bar license (market
price), and producing in not retail
needs means better payment for itself.
By taking away from us ability to

From

Natalya
Medvedeva

4345 Drij
Court FBKS AK
99707



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

SEP 30 2019

have few events we have been able to do (Art shows, new product release etc)
you will just tie our business, investment,

DRINK LOCAL

It is not only, but destruction to a small local production business.

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

Thank you
owner of urban fresh Distilling

Write your message for AMCO here

Dear AMCO
Board members,
please do not
limit art and
cultural acti-
vities (like
Fist Fridays) at
the distilleries!!
These events make
communities stronger
and more culturally
advanced. We want
a bright future for Alaska,



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

OPPOSE proposed
4.390
t with the nonsen

Roll those regs

Back.

-for Adilbhai



**550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501**

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Economic Development, 1400 West Northern Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-597

29 SEP 2019 PM 11

I oppose the
regulations
proposed by
AMCO.

Octavia Walker
North Pole, AK



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019





DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries



Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-5407

29 SEP 2019 PM 1 L

I oppose the
regulations
proposed by
AMCO:

Stephanie Cady
Horseheads, NY



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019





DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers Breweries Distilleries Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

Tasting rooms
safer than bars
limit 2 drinks vs
all you can drink!
The tasting rooms
are a great
environment for
after work then
go home. Safe,
relaxed atmosphere.

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995 995

29 SEP 2019 PM 1.1



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-597

29 SEP 2019 PM 1.1

I oppose the
regulations proposed
by AMCO!

Justin Vandegrift
Horseheads, NY



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 3 0 2019 AMCO

SEP 5 0 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-567

29 SEP 2019 PM 1 L

First Fridays
are great
in our local
Distilleries.
Keep them
running!

A. Rybkin
4325 Driftwood G, P.O. Box, AK



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

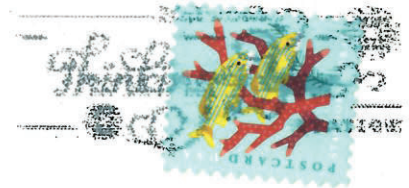
Write your message for AMCO here

Guess you guys
cant be jealous
without showing it.
let the distilleries?
breweries bring in
customers however they
see fit, while supporting
local talent. Its a win
win.

Stashie

ALASKAN FRONTIER

29 SEP 2019 PM 11



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

Stop harassing
distilleries &
breweries.
Alaska needs
some diversity
& culture.
This benefits locals,
tourists & the
state as a whole.

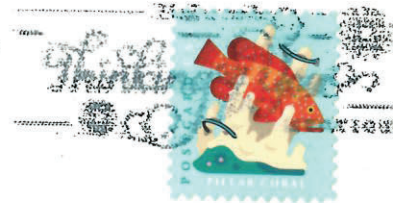
Be smart!

Thank you
Julie Miller

ALASKA FRONTIER

995-545

20 SEP 2019 PM 11



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

100% Recycled Paper

Write your message for AMCO here

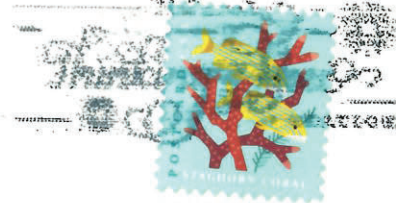
AMCO,

Hoarfrost
Distillery helps
out Alaska's Economy
in every way! it
is a nice place for
people to hangout,
artists to have shows,
food trucks to star tup,
& tourists to visit, &
FOR ME TO HAVE A JOB

ALASKA FRONTIER

995-007

29 SEP 2019 PM 11



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

more
on
front

Please stop harassing
BREWERS &
DRINK LOCAL
DISTILLERIES !!!

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Sincerely, Wineries
Morrow NICOLE
DUSZYNSKI
♡

ALASKAN FRONTIER

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation 3AAC 304.390

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

29 SEP 2019 PM 11



Save our
Small Business
Community!!

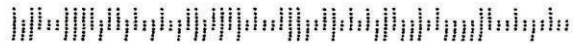
Mary Horwedel

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019





DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

ALASKAN FRONTIER

005-007

29 SEP 2019 PM 1 L



I am writing in
opposition to the new
proposed regulations. Why
does AMCO insist on
overstepping its authority
in order to stifle small
business in Alaska?
Just stop it.

Trey Simmons
Ester, AK

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 995

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Supporting Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers is important because it helps to sustain the local economy and create jobs. It also helps to preserve the unique character of Alaska's alcohol industry.

ALASKAN FRONTIER
I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Our local tasting
rooms are a boon to
their locales, hire
people and are NOT
competition for bars
Stop impeding pro-
gress and support
these growing
businesses.
Donna Olesen

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

From a long time Alaska Voter

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Stop!! Messing
with something
that already works
If you are seeking
change change the
value of state issued
liquor licenses
The value should be
the fee to the state
and no percentage
value



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

Alaska's local alcohol manufacturers are a vital part of our state's economy and culture. By supporting local breweries, distilleries, and wineries, you are helping to sustain our communities and preserve our heritage.

Write your message for AMCO here

Hello,

Please PLEASE release
the entertainment &
event restrictions you
have placed on our
amazing local brewer-
ies, distilleries and
wineries!! These
businesses put so
much love & care &
happiness back into
our community! ♥

Please support &
encourage successful local businesses,
rather than unnecessarily impact them!!!
THANK YOU for your time & consideration! Terin Porter

ALASKAN FRONTIER



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

SEP 30 2019

* Please allow our local
makers to continue

DRINK LOCAL

enriching our
community!!! ♡ 🎵 ✨

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

WE NEED
these businesses
to Succeed!!

Write your message for AMCO here

SAA + MCB

I never go to bars
too noisy and dangerous
as a woman. Lots of
bad things happen there.
However, I feel safe at
a tasting room. I also
like that tasting rooms
are LOCAL BUSINESSES

I can easily support.
I also love that the
tasting rooms support
other small businesses and
local artists. It is what
a community and state
needs to thrive. All
businesses and talents
find their place

and support!
offering better
people - and
want. Consumers
want a safe place to
gather and a place

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board
to support small business people.
550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

Allow tasting rooms
to continue to support
other small businesses.

Sincerely,
Jynn Groer 99705

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKA FRONTIER

995-997

29 SEP 2019 PM 11

We totally
support LOCAL
small businesses.
These tasting
rooms are not
competitors to
bars and restaurants.

A. Rybkin
4325 Debra Wood Ct Fols, AK 99707



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

Leave the events
alone. They are
amazing and
a great way to
bring the community
together.

Shelby

ALASKA FRONTIER
99501

29 SEP 2019 PM 11



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

© 2015 Alaska Beverage Manufacturers Association. All rights reserved. Alaska Beverage Manufacturers Association is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization. For more information, visit www.alaskabev.org.

Write your message for AMCO here

PLEASE DO NOT OVER
REGULATE TASKING
KODAKS. ENOUGH
ALREADY.

Brent L. Kelly

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

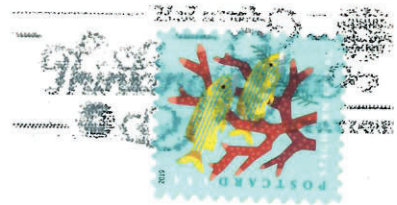
ALASKAN FRONTIER
PLEASE LEAVE
THE CARRIAGES.
AS THEY ARE.

BELIEVE ME,
THE STATE NEEDS
THE REVENUE

E. Oued

Ditto...

Kerry Pappas



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

©2015 Localvore. All rights reserved. Localvore is a registered trademark of Localvore. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

The tasting
rooms in Fair-
banks are such
a positive part
of our community!
So many people
want to see them
continue as-is!

- Sally Kieper, 1055 Chickadee Loop, Fbks, AK 99712

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

ALASKAN FRONTIER
I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach



This is rooted
in wrong. A vast
overreach of power.
Nobody who actually
lives here agrees
with this.

- Joseph Cowen

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

SEP 30 2019





Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

IT'S NICE TO
DRINK AT MY
FAVORITE DIST-
ILLERY, BECAUSE
IT'S QUIET ENOUGH
TO HEAR AND
LIGHT ENOUGH
TO SEE, AND
WITH THE 2 DRINK
LIMIT, FULL OF
SOBER PEOPLE
Maggie Billington

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501
AMCO

SEP 30 2019





DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-957

29 SEP 2019 PM 1 L

This is to
support
LOCAL SMALL
BUSINESSES.

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

SEP 30 2019

M. E. Keene
4325 DRIFWOOD CT, POKES, AK, 99709



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

ALASKAN FRONTIER

995-957

29 SEP 2019 PM 1 L

This is to
support
LOCAL SMALL
BUSINESSES.

Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

SEP 30 2019

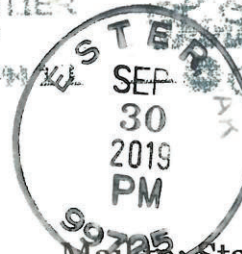
M. E. Keene
4325 DRIFWOOD CT, POKES, AK, 99709



I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Leave our
tasting rooms
alone!

Camille
Heninger



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

I strongly **OPPOSE** proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

KEEP ALASKA
ALASKA NOT
CAIF.
WE LIKE IT
THE WAY IT IS

Rich Meaburn

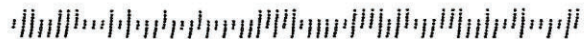


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

Alaska's local alcohol industry is a vital part of our state's economy and culture. By supporting local manufacturers, we can help sustain jobs, preserve traditions, and ensure the highest quality products for our residents. From craft breweries to boutique distilleries and wineries, there's something for everyone in Alaska's diverse alcohol landscape. Let's raise a glass to our local producers and the unique flavors they bring to our state.

I strongly **OPPOSE** proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

THIS IS SUCH A
NO-BRAWLER. IT
STINKS OF POLITICS
AND SOLVES NO PROBLEMS
FOR ANYONE.

Lat,
Russell Dennis
Box 441, Ester, AK 99725



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

I strongly **OPPOSE** proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Mike Knuck
2600 Heselail Trail
Fairbanks AK 99709

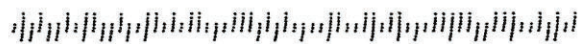


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

.OCT - 1 2019

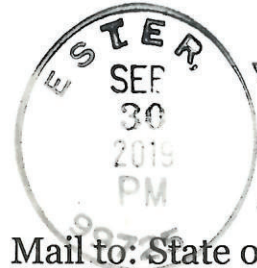


DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

I strongly **OPPOSE** proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Ouille Booley
100% support
distilleries in
Alaska
Over reach is
not right to
do!

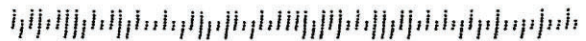


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Leave the
little guy alone.
Free enterprise.
Nothing wrong with
a little competition.
I do not think
these distilleries
are hurting any
other businesses.
With the Blye
Loon burned down
where else are we
going to go.



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019

DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

I can't believe you
are wasting time
and our tax
dollars bringing
this up again!

LORI HORVATH
Fairbanks, AK



Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

When you buy local, you support the local economy and help sustain the local environment. For more information, visit www.alaska.gov/local.

I strongly **OPPOSE** proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Paint nights, first
fridays and corn
maizes are not bar
activities. Please
allow these types of
activities at distilleries.
Thank you,
Lindly

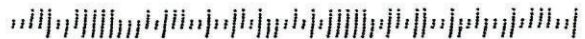


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers
Breweries
Distilleries
Wineries

100% recycled paper, 50% recycled content, including 25% post consumer waste. Printed in the USA. All rights reserved. © 2013 Drink Local. All other trademarks and registered trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

I strongly **OPPOSE** proposed regulation
3AAC 304.390
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Keep distilleries
Fur!

Don Larsen
Ester, AK

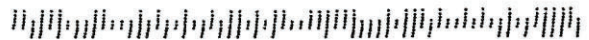


Mail to: State of Alaska
Alcohol & Marijuana Control
Board

550 West 7th Avenue
Suite 1600
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

~~~~~

I strongly **OPPOSE** proposed regulation  
**3AAC 304.390**  
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

You Do Not  
Create Laws!

♡  
Lyle Croft  
Fairbanks, AK

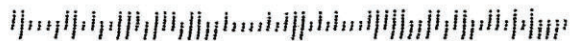


Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

High quality products are produced by the finest local manufacturers. Support local businesses and enjoy the best of Alaska. [www.drinklocalalaska.com](#)

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

ALASKAN FRONTIER

30 SEP 2019 PM 1 L

I am a little  
older - so I  
much prefer  
the Breweries  
& Distilleries  
to the bar  
scene - PLEASE

LEAVE  
THEM ALONE! THANK  
YOU!  
Janet Slentz



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO  
OCT - 1 2019

# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

\*\*\*\*\*

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

ALASKAN FRONTIER

30 SEP 2019 PM 11

If the bars  
were better they  
wouldn't feel  
threatened by  
the local tasting  
rooms. It's our  
right to go where  
we want and support  
who we want! Leave them alone!  
Becky Thompson  
Fairbanks, AK



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

OCT - 1 2019



# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

---



I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Just let the  
people we elect  
take care of  
this.

*Jeff Rogers*

Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

OCT - 1 2019

# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

The local businesses  
thrive because of  
these testing rooms.  
Supporting the food scene, hiking, all with  
a positive and safe  
environment. Encourages  
art and creativity.

I will buy local before searching for alternate  
sources of ingredients.



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation  
3AAC 304.390

ANCHORAGE  
AK 995  
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

30 SEP 2019  
PM 1 L

I AM LUCKY TO KNOW  
OWNERS OF BREWERIES,  
DISTILLERIES AND  
BARS ACROSS THE STATE.  
THESE ARE MY FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY. THEY  
CONNECT OUR COMMUNITY  
WITH LIBATIONS.  
PLEASE SHOW SOME  
RESPECT FOR THEIR  
HARD WORK AND HUSTLE.  
#SHOPSMALL  
#SUPPORTLOCAL  
- Teal in Fairbanks

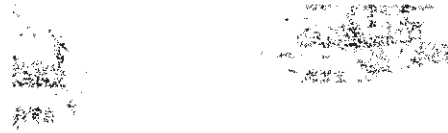


Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

© 2020 Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers Association. All rights reserved. This is a promotional campaign for local alcohol manufacturers in Alaska.

ALASKAN FRONTIER  
I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation  
3AAC 304.390  
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

LET PEOPLE  
BROWSE  
30  
2019  
PM  
OCT - 1 2019  
To whom it may concern:  
Please let these  
mighty fine people  
continue to prosper  
in their business.  
They deserve it.  
All our tastebuds deserve it. Thanks!

Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board  
550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

By: [Signature]

# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers

Breweries

Distilleries

Wineries

Alaska Department of Commerce, Economic Development & Tourism



ALASKAN FRONTIER  
I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

THE SAFE community  
SPACE THAT TASTING  
ROOMS IN FAIRBANKS  
HAVE CREATED ADD  
immeasurably to the  
LOCAL + PURIST USE,  
improving the economic  
BASE. KEEP THEM  
doing what they  
DO BEST.



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019

# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

100% recycled paper, 50% recycled content, including 25% post consumer waste. Printed in the USA. 100% recycled paper, 50% recycled content, including 25% post consumer waste. Printed in the USA.

ALASKAN FRONTIER  
I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation  
3AAC 304.390  
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

AGAIN?!

Please just stop!

Are you for or against  
ALASKA!?

Sincerely,  
Peppi Craft



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019





# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

---

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

TASTING ROOMS  
WITH LIMITED  
HOURS ONLY ADD  
TO THE LOCAL BAR  
ECONOMY - AND  
THE LOCAL RESTAURANT  
SCENE. KEEP TASTING  
ROOMS SOCIAL + FUN.



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019

# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

ALASKAN FRONTIER  
I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation  
3AAC 304.390  
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

This is not  
the purpose of  
the board!!

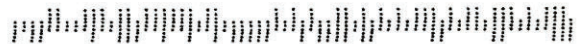


Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

---



I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

Your rules are massive  
overreach and unnecessary.  
I oppose this

Charles Hamby  
1093 Park Dr.  
Ely



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019





# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Economic Development, 1400 West Northern Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3000

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation  
3AAC 304.390  
Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

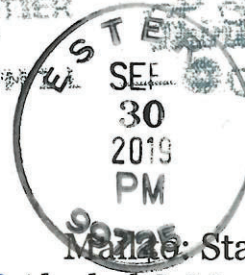
SUPPORT A LOCAL  
AND GROWING MARKET  
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.

SINCERELY,  
NATHAN,

SUNLIGHT FARM  
FAIRBANKS, AK

SUPPORTER OF:

AKSA MAGEE, HONORARY MEMBER, AMCO, AKIC, &  
+ MANY OTHERS



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019



# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

---

I strongly OPPOSE proposed regulation

3AAC 304.390

Please quit with the nonsensical overreach

I strongly support  
small Business.  
And I Love  
that its a 2  
drink minimum &  
can not Hanging  
out in a traditional  
Bar With Party  
people.



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT - 1 2019

# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

AMCO

SEP 30 2019

9/29/2019

Kaktovik, AK

AMCO,

I am writing to share my opinion about the proposed regulations regarding distilleries and wineries in Alaska. In particular I am concerned about taking away the ability to host events such as First Fridays and Art shows, as well as other social occasions in distilleries.

I am an artist. ~~As~~ A late blooming artist who has worked on my creations after work and on weekends throughout my career. First Fridays / Art shows afford me the opportunity to display my work and get my name out into the public. This is my foot in the door to possibly gain entrance into bigger shows and display my work in other venues. As an artist, we need to start somewhere. Distilleries and Tasting Rooms provide classy, clean and relaxed atmosphere to display work for people to enjoy.



By removing the ability to host these events, it not only hampers business opportunities for the distilleries, but also for artists.

I myself have two First Friday events (scheduled over a year in advance) for 2020. If you take these events away, you will ~~remove my ability~~ <sup>add another</sup> obstacle to my outreach goals. Please don't do this -

I am sure I speak for several artists in Alaska who have been affected by changes in administration and funding for public art. Please don't take away our ability to share the beauty of Alaska with our fellow Alaskans, and with visitors from near and far.

I also share concern with others I have spoken with about how this regulation may be unconstitutional, infringing on the right to freedom of



assembly. I feel that if this regulation is imposed, enough people will be angered and moved enough to sue the state. Not how taxpayers want their money spent. I feel these regulations are over reaching, unfair, aimed at specific industry, unnecessary and capricious.

In my discussions with others, I have also learned of the possibility of <sup>prohibiting</sup> limiting distilleries from serving cocktails or mixed drinks with their product. I also feel this is absurd, and over reaching.

~~There is already a two beverage limit, and as long as what they are serving contains the spirit they are distilling, that should be enough.~~  
These regulations can have a serious effect on the ability of small, locally owned businesses to prosper. I heartily disagree with the new proposed regulations.

Thank you for adding my opinion to  
the stack of many others who disagree.  
I hope AMCO will hear our concerns  
and make good choices.

Sincerely,  
Cinnamon Dockham

**From:** [Carol Gillogly](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New laws -  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 01, 2019 4:21:49 PM

---

I want to express my displeasure at your new laws preventing the scheduling of any 'special' days at breweries, festivals, Oktoberfest celebrations, charity fund-raising events and any other occasions where Alaskans may gather for fun and entertainment.

Alaska is the most special of states! Alaska is like the largest geographical town in America where people care about their neighbors whether they live next door or at opposite ends of the state.

PLEASE reconsider this archaic setback to our compassionate love of people, and love of gathering together for any reason.

**From:** [melissa Elerick](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to brewery regulations  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 01, 2019 4:37:08 PM

---

My name is Melissa Elerick and I am a board member for the Kachemak Bay Running Club a non-profit club that supports local youth running events. We use various locations for the start/end points of our fun runs every Thursday. Many times those start/end points are local brewery's. They allow us a place to socialize after a fun run. Your proposed language for the brewery regulations would not allow us to have these events at the locations. As a member of the Homer community it would also ban art installations as part of our "First Friday" events as well as presentations given from locals regarding recent travels or non-profit presentations, presentations I have often attended at our local breweris that enrich our community.

I strongly oppose your regulation-language change and I hope that you can understand the impact that this will have on small community events in my hometown of Homer, Alaska.

Thank you for your time,  
Melissa Elerick

907-299-2669



Four Valleys Community School  
PO Box 790  
Girdwood, Alaska 99587  
Phone: 907.742.5317  
Fax: 907.742.5322  
registration@fourvalleys.org

September 17, 2019

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office  
550 W 7th Ave, Ste 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**RE: 3 AAC 304.390 of the Alaska Administrative Code**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written on behalf of Four Valleys Community School, hereinafter known as FVCS, and the Girdwood Brewing Company, both located in Girdwood, Alaska. FVCS is a non-profit organization that provides Girdwood and the surrounding communities with programs that utilize our community and local resources, promote life-long learning, and emphasizes educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities for local residents of all ages. This letter is regarding the proposed modifications by the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office, specifically 3 AAC 304.390, notice of proposed changes on definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities.

As stated by an article in the Juneau Empire, "The Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has proposed modifications to a state statute that would further prohibit onsite activities at alcohol manufacturing businesses." Should this modification come to fruition, FVCS will be directly affected. Girdwood Brewing Company has generously donated space to numerous local nonprofits including FVCS since they opened. FVCS holds fundraising events at Girdwood Brewing Company annually. The funds raised at these events are used to provide programs to the community that would surely be missed should FVCS not be able to provide them. Without the space provided by Girdwood Brewing Company, FVCS would have very few options for space in Girdwood to hold fundraising events.

In conclusion, the enactment of the proposed change would negatively affect not only Girdwood Brewing Company and FVCS, but all local non-profits, and alcohol manufacturing businesses. The proposed change would have a substantial negative economic impact, as well as negatively affecting community growth, education, culture, and job opportunities.

Best Regards,

Catherine McDermott  
Director, FVCS

---

*We provide educational, recreational, and cultural activities for communities of  
Girdwood, Bird, Indian and Portage.*

**From:** [Patrick Levy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Bob Klein](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to AMCO Proposed Regulation Petition  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 01, 2019 11:27:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [Citizen Opposition 3AAC304.390 Signatures 10-1-19.pdf](#)

---

AMCO Board Chair Mr. Klein,

Please find attached the petition of 100 names of folks that came through Fairbanks Distilling Company over the last few days that do not agree with the new proposed AMCO Regulation "Definitions". These names will be distributed to the upcoming legislature that plans to address the brewery, distillery, and winery statute... yet again.

Patrick Levy

--

Patrick Levy, owner  
Fairbanks Distilling Company  
410 Cushman St.  
P.O. Box 80059  
Fairbanks, AK 99708  
(907) 452-5055

|                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|



## We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the new wording of 3 AAC 304.390 Definitions proposed by AMCO. We believe that the proposed definitions do not fall within the purview of AMCO and that this is an issue for the Alaska State legislature to resolve. This is not an issue that affects human health, welfare or public safety. AMCO does not have the Right to regulate peaceful assembly of citizens.

|    | Full Name         | Town & zip code                            | Contact Info (optional) |
|----|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1  | PATRICK LEVY      | 4758 DRAKE ST, FBKS 99709                  | (907) 347-4088          |
| 2  | Louie Amundson    | Eagle River, AK, 99577                     | (907)-317-0533          |
| 3  | Jochen Metzger    | 1745 Reed Circle 99708 FBK                 | 907-888-5342            |
| 4  | MARSHALL BIA      | Goodyear AZ, 85395                         | 623-760-7200            |
| 5  | Douglas Korpavik  | Goodyear AZ, 85338                         | (810)-599-1194          |
| 6  | Joshua Walter     | Goodyear AZ 85338                          | 520 213 5596            |
| 7  | Rory Smith        | Black Hawk 57718                           | 605-431-0868            |
| 8  | James Hawery      | ANCHORAGE, AK 99507                        | 907 538 5148            |
| 9  | Todd Paris        | Fairbanks AK 99712                         | 907 378-8792            |
| 10 | Sarah Dimmick     | Fairbanks, AK 99712                        | 907 712 4672            |
| 11 | Greg Clark        | Fairbanks AK 99712                         | 907 387 8969            |
| 12 | Tim Wolff         | 1979 Peger Rd, Fairbanks AK 99709          | 907-451-5188            |
| 13 | Michael LeDouceur | 1487 Whistling Swan Dr, Fairbanks AK 99712 | 231 350-8854            |
| 14 | Rodney Evans      | FAI 99701                                  | 907 750 7888            |
| 15 | Joseph S Russo    | FAIRBANKS, AK 99712                        | 907-460-8885            |
| 16 | Diane Lindner     | Fairbanks AK 99712                         | 907 388 6397            |
| 17 | Robert A. DeCaro  | Fairbanks, AK 99709                        | 907-374-3968            |
| 18 | Krey Masters      | Fairbanks, AK 99709                        | 907 388-7114            |
| 19 | Christina Gillen  | Fairbanks, AK 99701                        | capn_43@hotmail.com     |
| 20 | Ava Pletta        | Fairbanks, AK 99701                        | 907-388 3644            |
| 21 | Chris Martich     | FBKS, AK                                   |                         |
| 22 | Grant Galvin      | North Pole, AK 99705                       | (757) 871-6868          |
| 23 | Leann Beckler     | North Pole, AK 99705                       | 907 888-2312            |
| 24 | Rachel Kowalchuk  | FBKS, AK 99712                             |                         |
| 25 | Jeni Wolter       | Fairbanks, AK 99712                        |                         |



## We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the new wording of 3 AAC 304.390 Definitions proposed by AMCO. We believe that the proposed definitions do not fall within the purview of AMCO and that this is an issue for the Alaska State legislature to resolve. This is not an issue that affects human health, welfare or public safety. AMCO does not have the Right to regulate peaceful assembly of citizens.

|    | Full Name          | Town & zip code     | Contact Info (optional) |
|----|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1  | Humble Woods       | Princeton, NJ       | 99709                   |
| 2  | Raquel Rosillos    | Fairbanks, AK       | 99709                   |
| 3  | Daniel Lee Felker  | Fbx.                | 99701                   |
| 4  | Kristina Solo      | 99701               |                         |
| 5  | Paul Keenan        | 99701               |                         |
| 6  | John Zimmerman     | Anchorage, AK       | 99519                   |
| 7  | CHARLES MOSS       | ANCHORAGE           | AK 99518                |
| 8  | Joni Siam          | Anchorage           | AK 99517                |
| 9  | Adam Michael Waldo | Lenard              | 99664                   |
| 10 | Davin Rockstad     | Fairbanks           | 99709                   |
| 11 | Enrique Vasquez    | Fairbanks           | 99709                   |
| 12 | Joyce Coolidge     | 8101 Robert         | Anchorage 99516         |
| 13 | Robert Coolidge    | 8101 Robert Dr.     | Anchorage 99516         |
| 14 | Karlakukowski      | 13 Timberland Drive | Fbx, AK 99701           |
| 15 | Adam Mphlhorn      | Fairbanks           | 99712                   |
| 16 | Jennifer Heinen    | Boston              | MA 02124                |
| 17 | Jadyn Cheek        | Fairbanks           | 99708                   |
| 18 | Simon Howell       | North Pole          | 99705                   |
| 19 | Corri Howell       | North Pole          | 99705                   |
| 20 | David Black        | Fairbanks           | 99701                   |
| 21 | Jonas Halim        | Fairbanks           | AK 99709                |
| 22 | Adam               | Fairbanks           | AK 99712                |
| 23 | Judith Gman        | Fairbanks           | AK 99708                |
| 24 | Taylor Weis        | Fairbanks           | AK 99709                |
| 25 | Charity Weis       | Fairbanks           | AK 99709                |



## We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the new wording of 3 AAC 304.390 Definitions proposed by AMCO. We believe that the proposed definitions do not fall within the purview of AMCO and that this is an issue for the Alaska State legislature to resolve. This is not an issue that affects human health, welfare or public safety. AMCO does not have the Right to regulate peaceful assembly of citizens.

|    | Full Name               | Town & zip code       | Contact Info (optional) |
|----|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1  | Kaithryn Ott            | Fairbanks 99709       |                         |
| 2  | THEODORE ALDER          | Fairbanks 99709       |                         |
| 3  | Jeannine Haney          | Fairbanks 99709       |                         |
| 4  | Ashley Savage           | North Pole 99705      |                         |
| 5  | Dina Iannarelli         | North Pole 99705      |                         |
| 6  | Andra Forsman           | North Pole 99705      |                         |
| 7  | Anduin McElroy          | Fairbanks 99712       |                         |
| 8  | Amy Copper              | Fairbanks 99712       |                         |
| 9  | Adam Barker             | Fairbanks 99712       |                         |
| 10 | GEOFFREY WINDRIDGE      | FAIRBANKS 99709       |                         |
| 11 | Kelly Barker            | Fairbanks 99712       |                         |
| 12 | Gordon Williams         | Fairbanks 99709       |                         |
| 13 | <del>JANIS MONROE</del> | <del>FBKS 99709</del> |                         |
| 14 | Ty Tigun                | Fbks AK 99701         |                         |
| 15 | JOHN PERREAU            | Fbx 99709             |                         |
| 16 | Jenn Peterson           | Fbx 99709             |                         |
| 17 | JOHN BRODERSON          | Fbx 99709             |                         |
| 18 | Luke T Hopkins          | Fbks 99709            |                         |
| 19 | Elyse Guttenberg        | Fbks 99705            |                         |
| 20 | SARAH LIZVY             | Fbks 99709            |                         |
| 21 | McKenzie Allen          | Fbx 99709             |                         |
| 22 | Christine Cook          | Fbks 99712            |                         |
| 23 | Allison Lambert         | Fbks 99709            |                         |
| 24 | Mary Long               | Fbks 99701            |                         |
| 25 | Daniel Wade McQuibbey   | Fairbanks 99710       |                         |

## We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the new wording of 3 AAC 304.390 Definitions proposed by AMCO. We believe that the proposed definitions do not fall within the purview of AMCO and that this is an issue for the Alaska State legislature to resolve. This is not an issue that affects human health, welfare or public safety. AMCO does not have the Right to regulate peaceful assembly of citizens.

|    | Full Name          | Town & zip code           | Contact Info (optional)   |
|----|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1  | MARK L. WINANS     | FAIRBANKS 99709           | winansonwine@gmail.com    |
| 2  | Steve Gutkowski    | MORGANTON 28655           | stvgut@yahoo.com          |
| 3  | Austin Hibbard     | Fairbanks, 99709          | austin.hibbard8@gmail.com |
| 4  | Ciara Beegle       | Fairbanks, 99709          | burdich2013@gmail.com     |
| 5  | Chris Indervieden  | Fairbanks 99705           | skip52-99@yahoo.com       |
| 6  | Wendy Berg         | Ftks 99725                | wendyberg@alaska.gov      |
| 7  | Ken Maxwell        | Ester Fairbanks 99725     |                           |
| 8  | YVETTE HEBARD      | 90ks 99712                | yhebard@gmail.com         |
| 9  | Sarah Small        | Portland 9729             | XOXO                      |
| 10 | JEFF HEBARD        | FAIRBANKS 99712           | jhebard@yahoo.com         |
| 11 | Stephanie Harrison | Fairbanks 99701           |                           |
| 12 | Jacob Lee Rowlfs   | Fairbanks 99701           | jlawlfs@gmail.com         |
| 13 | ERA HARVEY         | Fairbanks 99701           |                           |
| 14 | Victor Galaviz     | Bremerton, WA 98311       |                           |
| 15 | Joe Byrnes         | Fairbanks, AK 99701       |                           |
| 16 | Margit Jaeger      | Fairbanks, AK 99709       | margitjaeger@yahoo.de     |
| 17 | Fabian Philipp     | Fairbanks, AK 99709       | fabian.philipp@gmail.com  |
| 18 | RANDALL WAHLBERG   | FT. WAINWRIGHT, AK 99703  | Wahlbergree@yahoo.com     |
| 19 | Brian Jennison     | Glennallen AK 99588       |                           |
| 20 | Kelly Hochstetler  | Charlottesville, VA 22903 |                           |
| 21 | Melissa Rees       | North Pole 99705          |                           |
| 22 | Daniel Rees        | North Pole 99705          |                           |
| 23 | Emily Garcia       | Fairbanks 99701           |                           |
| 24 | Mary Lee Garcia    | Fairbanks 99701           | garciamarylee@gmail.com   |
| 25 | Stephen Ketzler    | Fairbanks 99701           |                           |



**From:** [Patrick Levy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Bob Klein](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to 3 AAC 304.390 Definition  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 12:10:21 AM

---

Dear AMCO Board Chair, Mr. Bob Klein, and members,

I do not believe that it is the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Board's place to define wording that is unclear in an Alaska Statute (AS). If an AS is unclear, it should be thrown back to the judiciary branch and in consultation with the legislature, the intent of the AS should be clarified. If a AS is unclear and cannot be enforced, it is AMCO's duty to pass this issue back up the chain and wait for a resolution... not interpret the people and the legislature's intent. To do that would be overreach.

As you all know, the public and legislature is now aware of this issue and are poised to attempt a resolution in this next legislative session. As a distillery and business owner with a huge investment in a historic building in downtown Fairbanks, the public and I are not going to sit very well with an AMCO decision that forbids us from educating locals and tourists on Fairbanks history and how my downtown manufacturing facility works. AMCO seeks to prevent our businesses from holding political and non-profit fundraisers, as Gov. Dunleavy slashes funds that help the indigent and seniors. The public views these proposed further restrictions on manufacturers' tasting rooms as ridiculous.

In a way, it might be interesting to see what effect it will have if AMCO proceeds with its attempt to disrupt alcohol manufacturing in our great state. Maybe that's what it will take to relieve us from these ever more restrictive regulations.

Sincerely,

Patrick Levy

--

Patrick Levy, owner  
Fairbanks Distilling Company  
410 Cushman St.  
P.O. Box 80059  
Fairbanks, AK 99708  
(907) 452-5055



This document is proprietary and confidential. No part of this document may be disclosed in any manner to a third party without the prior written consent of Fairbanks Distilling Company.

**From:** [Kevin Siwicke](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support AK Entrepreneurs  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 8:24:57 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

As an Alaskan who votes, I urge you to reconsider singling out makers of alcohol products. These businesses have been valuable assets to the communities where they exist, providing support and space for the community. I understand these businesses do not operate like a traditional bar, and can and should be regulated differently, but I fail to understand how/why this difference extends beyond the regulation of alcohol being served. Most US states do not have the strict regulation on breweries and distilleries, and this excessive regulation is counter to what Alaskans want. Support these entrepreneurs that our making Alaska a better place.

Thank you,

Kevin Siwicke  
Juneau, AK

**From:** [Carrie Oats](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 11:39:42 AM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

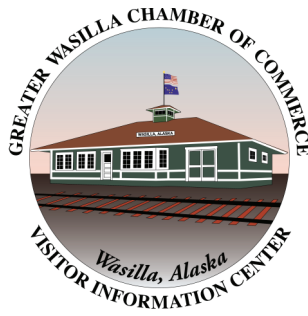
As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carrie Oats  
Homer

415 E. Railroad Avenue,  
Wasilla, Alaska 99654  
contact@wasillachamber.org



P: (907) 376-1299 F: (907) 373-2560  
www.wasillachamber.org

---

## Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

### RESOLUTION

#### A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 3 AAC 304.390, DEFINING 'RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES'

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute AS 04.11.130 allows breweries to sell up to 36 ounces per person for consumption on premises contingent on the prohibition of on-site live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has issued notice of a proposed change to Section 3 AAC 304.390, to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" to include festivals, games and competitions, classes, non-private parties, presentations or performances, or other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public; and

WHEREAS, Wasilla-area breweries have benefited the local area as informal venues for events while providing much-needed space for community focused organizations that support fundraising and promoting charitable causes and activities; and

WHEREAS, the growth in community-oriented tasting rooms has contributed to Wasilla's economy and development, by engaging locals and tourists alike; and

WHEREAS, AS 04.06.100 tasks the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board with adopting regulations that are "necessary to carry out the purpose of this title [*Title 4 – Alcoholic Beverages*] in a manner that will protect the public health, safety, and welfare;" and

WHEREAS, the proposed definition provides no additional public health, safety, or welfare benefit while conversely introducing possible harm to Wasilla's development and community by limiting the flexibility for innovative new business models, and/or tangible benefits with new options for supporting growth within the tourism and hospitality industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER WASILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF ALASKA: That the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board not adopt Section 3.AAC 304.390 to define 'other recreational or gaming opportunities' as proposed.

**From:** [Grace Becker](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewpub and Distillery Proposed Regulation Changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 1:51:20 PM

---

I do not feel that 3AAC 304.390 should be revised to limit the activities allowed at the referenced type of establishments. I feel that the limits on the hours and amount of alcohol that is allowed is limiting in itself. I also feel that the brewpubs in our area offer more incentive to for their clients to recreate in a healthy way by sponsoring runs, walks and other activities.

Please reconsider the regulation changes that were proposed.

Thank you,

Grace Becker

To: Alaska Alcohol Beverage Control Board

CC: Erika McConnell, Executive Director, Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office

From: Ted & Mary Rosenzweig, Owners, Turnagain Brewing, Anchorage, AK

Date: October 2, 2019

RE: **3 AAC 304.390: a new section proposed to define “other recreational or gaming opportunities.”**

As the owners of Turnagain Brewing in Anchorage, we wish to convey our strong opposition to the proposed new definitions of recreation and gaming as they relate to breweries licensed under AS 04.11.130. The proposed regulations are in direct conflict with the statutory requirements and mission of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, exceed the restrictions on brewery activities imposed by AS 04.11.130, unnecessarily impede normal and expected brewery tasting room practices, impinge upon individual's rights to free association, expression and political speech, and go against a changing tide of consumer behavior and demand.

The proposed regulations directly contradict the ABC Board's statutory responsibility and Mission Statement. Statute directs the Board to “carry out the purpose of this title in a manner that will protect the public health, safety, and welfare.” The Mission Statement says that the Board will “Enforce alcohol and marijuana commerce laws and provide clear, consistent standards for licensure to protect the public from harm.” Every action the Board takes must be consistent with its statutory responsibility to protect the public health.

AS 04.11.130 expressly allows taprooms to sell consumers up to 36 oz of beer per day for onsite consumption, so long as breweries comply with restrictions on hours of operation and certain specified activities commonly associated with bars and taverns. Activities which encourage consumers to linger while consuming the allowed 36 ounces should be encouraged by the Board as this is a strategy to reduce overconsumption and intoxication as described in approved and required server training courses. Prohibiting any activity that slows consumption rates, as these proposed regulations would do, directly contradicts the Board's mission to enforce the law in a manner that protects the public health.

Interpreting AS 04.11.130 as intending to prohibit any activity that might encourage a consumer to linger is erroneous. It is clear from a simple reading of the Statute, as well as a review of the legislative record surrounding passage of AS 04.11.130, that the intent if the restrictions were to distinguish and prohibit those activities that are commonly associated with bars and taverns. The statute provides some examples of common bar activities as a guideline and any expansion of that list of activities should be drawn from whether or not said activity is one similar to those expressly prohibited and those activities commonly associated with bars or taverns. Activities provided by breweries that educate consumers on their product, encourage consumers to linger while consuming their allowed beverage allotment, or encourage members of the public to gather in breweries are not prohibited in AS 04.11.130. Families playing a card game together is not an activity one associates with bars or taverns. Nonprofits inviting the public to hear about their mission and ask for



support is not an activity one typically associates with a bar or tavern. Hosting monthly rotating art exhibitions is not a typical bar or tavern activity. A bar or tavern could offer those activities, but these are not activities the average Alaskan would associate as a bar or tavern activity per se. Further, restricting any activity that invites the general public to gather in a tasting room appears to be a violation of an individual's right to free speech and privacy. Just as an example, candidates for public office and public office holders have used our space to invite constituents to come and discuss issues of concern in our community. It would be a violation of the constitution to prohibit this activity. Having our taproom staff police individuals' phones and other electronic devices to make sure that games are not being played would be a clear violation a right to privacy.

Tasting rooms are expressly allowed to sell up to 36 oz of their product per consumer per day. As a small start up brewery, we rely on this retail activity to help educate consumers and build demand for our product. The high cost of equipment and raw ingredients in Alaska puts us at a competitive disadvantage with lower 48 breweries. Activities which attract consumers help to defray the high cost of entry into this market. Activities that attract consumers and promote responsible consumption are normal and accepted business practices.

Growth of the craft beverage industry has been a bright spot during an otherwise dismal recession in Alaska. Craft beer tourism is real and important for our struggling economy. Arbitrary prohibitions which only serve to protect one segment of the beverage industry from another do nothing to protect the public health. The Board, and State as a whole, should try to keep pace with new consumer markets rather than stifle growth and change.

Finally, providing clarity (per the Board's Mission Statement) should be an underlying rationale for these proposed regulatory changes. The changes do not provide clarity, and in fact raise more questions than provide answers. At what point does talking with a consumer about our products become a banned presentation? At what point does a spontaneous gathering become a banned party? To what degree are we as proprietors expected to monitor and regulate constitutionally protected activities of our patrons? How will AMCO staff enforce these ambiguities? Rather than defining "gaming or other recreational activities", this proposal expands prohibitions in a dangerously nebulous manner.

For these reasons, we ask that the Board reject the proposed definitions of "other recreational or gaming opportunities".



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR MICHAEL J. DUNLEAVY

Department of Commerce, Community,  
and Economic Development

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1535  
Anchorage, AK 99501-3587  
Main: 907.269.8100  
Toll free fax: 907.269.8125

October 2, 2019

Alcohol Beverage Control Board  
Sent via email: [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov)

RE: Opposition to Proposed Regulation  
Definition of Gaming Opportunities 3 AAC 304.390

Dear Board Members,

Recently, the Alcohol Beverage Control Board proposed changes to regulation 3 AAC 304.390 amending the definition of gaming opportunities impacting breweries, distilleries, and wineries. Since the public notice of this proposed regulatory change, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) has fielded multiple calls and emails from the public, licensees, and elected officials opposing this proposed regulation.

DCCED is charged with ensuring Alaska has a competitive business climate, which is a fundamental step for Alaskans to grow their existing businesses and establish new businesses, attract outside business to Alaska, and put more Alaskans to work than ever before. As part of this effort, we are actively working to remove unnecessary regulatory burdens on Alaskan businesses, while ensuring we protect the public health, life, and safety of our residents.

I have serious concerns this regulation is unduly restrictive, exceeds the Legislature's statutory intent, and it will detrimentally impact Alaskan business. This regulation does not increase safety or protect the health of Alaskans; rather, this proposed regulation simply interferes in a growing and popular private sector industry and is counter to DCCED's efforts to remove unnecessary regulatory burdens.

Therefore, DCCED opposes the adoption of this regulation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Anderson".

Julie Anderson, Commissioner  
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

cc: Bob Klein, Alcohol Control Board, Chair  
Erika McConnel, Alcohol Marijuana Control Office, Director

**From:** [steve cothran](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 3:47:18 PM

---

I am writing regarding the proposal to limit the ability of breweries to host:

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

I am vehemently opposed to this proposal and frankly can not understand it's purpose. Where I live in Soldotna, local breweries serve a vital role in our community, holding numerous events to support local non-profit organizations, such as local ski trails, cancer research, and public radio. These events serve the community as a whole. Their location at a brewery is much better than at a bar. As you know breweries do not serve liquor and there are strict drink limits.

Why would government want to limit citizens having "an organized social gathering" for a club or good cause? This is the definition of government at its worst, becoming an impediment to citizens freely coming together for the betterment of their community. I'm really disappointed that the government wants to prevent a local business from hosting an event for a non-profit organization. This is the complete antithesis of the values of individual freedom and community involvement the State of Alaska was founded upon.

Respectfully,  
Steven Cothran

Please hold true to the values of our great state and allow breweries to host events for non-profits.

Respectfully,  
Steve Cothran

**From:** [Dale Banks](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposed changes in 3 AAC 304.390. defining "recreation or gaming opportunities"  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 4:30:49 PM

---

Hi,

I am opposed to the proposed changes that would prohibit "(5) presentations or performances;  
(6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public."

Educational presentations, art performances, and other types of social gatherings such as fundraisers for local non profits are very important activities to the community and also to breweries. I encourage you to leave the regulations as is. In your "Additional Regulation Notice Information" there is a zero cost of implementation, but no mention of cost to the community or cost to the industry, which should be required. The cost to communities and the industry could be significant if community fundraising events cannot be held at local breweries.

There is no valid reason to increase restrictions on the already very restrictive brewing industry.

Please leave the 3 AAC 304.390 as is.

Thanks,

Dale Banks

Homer, AK

**From:** [Barbara Craver](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed change to 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 4:44:01 PM

---

This proposed change appears to be an attempt by competing alcohol licenses holders to restrict the operation of distilleries, not for the public good or welfare, but purely to restrict a business from allowing social interactions and one-off community activities to occur in the business place.

There is no revenue advantage to the distillery, it's products are already statutorily limited and quantity is curtailed. The social interaction or community gathering is incidental and a good public relations opportunity for the distillery. This regulatory change is vague and unduly restrictive, it could be interpreted to restrict the public's right to free speech and association. I can't have a book group meeting at a distillery, or invite people to my birthday party there? Is a gallery of artwork a festival? More definitions please, but only those imposed using the statutory process.

The current statute addresses the limitations on distilleries and appears to require a distillery dispensary to offer a limited amount of its product to customers. The obvious intent of AS 04.11.170(e) is to limit activities to those that promote the distillery product exclusively, it cannot function as a bar that serves alcohol from any source but it's own products.

AS 04.11.170 (e) restricts a distillery that sells a limited amount of its product for immediate consumption from providing other ongoing entertainment to its customers.

It appear plain that AS 04.11.170(e) is intended to restrict a distillery from offering other revenue raising business on the premises on an ongoing, regular basis.

The effect of the regulation is to expand that prohibition to occasional, non revenue, public opportunities to gather at a common location for any specific purpose!

It is also a blatant run around to the statute to add a definition section to a statute by means of a regulation, rather than using the legislative process to include definitions to terms in a statute within the statutes. Definitions are substantive and should not be allowed to be appended by a board.

Compare the intent expressed in the type of activity involved in AS 04.11.170(e):

(e) Unless prohibited by [AS 04.16.030](#), a holder of a distillery license may sell not more than three ounces a day of the distillery's product to a person for consumption on the premises if

(1) the distillery does not allow live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities on the premises where the consumption occurs;

To the activity proposed to be included by the regulation:

3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.

(a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

(1) festivals;

(2) games and competitions;

(3) classes;

(4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;

(5) presentations or performances;

(6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general

public. (Eff. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_\_)

Does this mean I can't invite a few people to meet me at a distillery to celebrate a birthday? How is that not prohibited by 3 AAC 304.390 (a)(4)? It's a party, it's not private, it's during regular hours - heck I might even want to play a game of some kind (I Spy or Rock Paper Scissors) with my friends, is that a game or competition? Is that something the distillery should not allow? I can't perform an impression, tell a joke or present a great idea to improve my community?

This definition is a substantive change to the other kinds of activities referred to in AS 04.11.170(e). Offering games involving a pool table, keeping a TV on, featuring live entertainment all are regular, ongoing forms of entertainment that invite business patrons to linger and consume and purchase unlimited products offered at a bar. The current limits on the sale of the distillery product means that people don't linger for any other reason than to try the

distillery product as a (gasp) social activity. There is a 2 drink maximum. A 3 oz total. No food or snacks, an early closing time. A distillery NOT a bar, it can be a great local business that sells its own unique products, enhances a retail district, encourages people to go to other nearby businesses after or before.

Barbara Craver

[craver.barbara@gmail.com](mailto:craver.barbara@gmail.com)

**From:** [Russ O'Hare](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tap Rooms and Tasting Rooms Need Your Support  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 6:47:53 PM

---

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

Please support community tap houses and brewing companies. They are wonderful community businesses that give instead of take from our communities and citizens. They host beer dinners and parties, organize events for non profit partners and they do other fund raisers that help build and support our communities. Tap houses and brewing companies are wonderful resources that give revenues and resources to our communities and state.

Sincerely

Dr. Russell O'Hare  
Soldotna, Alaska



**From:** [Pete Schneider](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** comments on Proposed Changes to Definitions of Rec/Gaming  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 10:00:13 PM

---

Hello,

please see my comments in support of the proposed definition changes below.

Pete Schneider

I support AMCO's proposed expanded definition of no gaming and recreation for manufacturers with tasting rooms as I believe it will minimize the temptation to find loopholes. To accomplish this, we need better defined and clearly written laws so manufacturers with tasting rooms can legally operate and avoid violations on their license.

The long-standing intent for a tasting room has been a place designed to educate consumers about new products with the intent of developing and expanding a manufacturer customer base with product available through licensed outlets. The strict definition of this intent is what has been in such question lately and it is harming the industry. Don't forget that not long ago CHARR endorsed the proposal change which gave manufacturers the right to charge customers for their samples instead of having to give them away as a way to find compromise and help support growth in the alcohol industry. Now samples have expanded to full servings with added ingredients and the definition of "entertainment" is being challenged. This has caused great confusion and dissent amongst the different license groups which are now overlapping on how they operate. One exception to the proposed definition I think should be considered however is allowing tours of manufacturing facilities which could include educational talks about their products that are produced on site.

Efforts should be put into rewriting the Title 4 laws, including allowing manufacturers with tasting rooms the opportunity to purchase a BDL. Then if any of them want to have entertainment, recreation of any form, or gaming in their tasting room, they have the option to buy a license appropriate for that activity. Improvements to the existing language would establish a clear separation between the different license types while maintaining a level playing field for all businesses invested in the State's alcohol industry. Creating a well-defined path for new businesses to establish and expand a niche for their products is good for business. Having weak language subject to interpretation is not, whether you are new to the industry or have been investing and contributing to it for years.

**From:** [simard@gci.net](mailto:simard@gci.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Unnecessarily restrictive definition of "entertainment" in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 10:26:41 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

I realize that tradition bars and taverns feel uncomfortable about the competition they face from the new generation of brewery and distillery tasting rooms. But tasting rooms are very distinct from bars as social institutions. I personally rarely frequent bars, which I find to be sad lonely places where people drink too much and often drink alone.

Tasting rooms are quite the opposite. They are lively friendly places with windows and daylight, where the social fabric of the community can be stitched more tighter together.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue.

James Simard  
Juneau Alaska

**From:** [Mark Erickson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019 11:30:37 PM

---

I would like to comment on the Title 4 Rules and Regulations that are being clarified.

These are the same set of rules that distilleries and breweries agreed to when they purchased their alcohol license for \$1,500.00. Nothing has changed.

Distilleries and breweries were meant to be tasting rooms, without bar stools at the bar, comfortable seating, music, entertainment, etc.

Unfortunately, they have been bending these rules in their favor, and no one is doing anything about it.

I suggest that if you want to run your distillery or brewery like a bar, you should purchase a Beverage Dispensary License at market price, if one is available. In Juneau the minimum starting price is \$250,000+.

Mark Erickson  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [David Thomson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 9:24:19 AM

---

I am very opposed to the proposed regulation adding 3 AAC 304.390.

The intent of this change is solely to squelch the entrepreneurial spirit and creativity that has come from craft breweries and distilleries. These businesses are already hindered by timing and sales limits and they have pursued a place in the community regardless. I live in Juneau and feel the community has been energized and invigorated by the activities and events organized and supported by the craft breweries and distilleries. The organized events recognize artistic, creative, and philanthropic pursuits. Really now, what is so wrong with that! Just last week, local candidates for the city assembly election were available at Alaskan Brewing for a meet and greet.

These new businesses are being led by young people; most are not yet in their prime years of life. It is risky and very costly to start new businesses, but isn't that what is needed to make communities flourish? The innovation and the willingness to partner in the community should be encouraged, the changes proposed by 3 AAC 304.390 sends the message that partnering and helping others isn't wanted.

This proposed regulation should be rescinded and not enacted.

~David Thomson  
Juneau

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



Virus-free. [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

**From:** [info@bigswigtours.com](mailto:info@bigswigtours.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation changes in 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 9:29:05 AM  
**Attachments:** [PastedGraphic-4.tiff](#)

---

Greetings,

On behalf of Big Swig Tours based in Anchorage, thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns over the potential movement to further restrict brewery, distillery, cider taproom operations.

My name is Bryan Caenepeel and I am the sole owner of Big Swig Tours based in Anchorage. After moving to Alaska in 2005 and cutting my teeth in the Alaska tourism industry for 9 years, I launched Big Swig Tours in 2014 with the purpose of bridging my passion for the craft beer industry with work experience in the State's tourism industry.

Big Swig Tour's aim is to educate locals and visitors about this flourishing industry in Our State. This is done through brewery tours in which brewers share the art and craft of brewing in AK. Breweries bring folks of various walks of life under a community roof to share common ground. Under the new proposals, brewery tours would not be allowed, therefore my current business model would be killed. More importantly a safe alternative for visitors and locals to experience our local breweries would be jeopardized. Restrictions on our tasting rooms are currently some of the tightest and outdated in the nation. Please reconsider the new regulation changes on tasting rooms and the rippling effect they will have on our local communities and way of life. It's my understanding that the role of the ABC Board is to protect health, welfare, and safety. This proposed entertainment regulation would do just the opposite.

Most importantly, I invite you and any colleagues interested in learning more about this industry, to join us on a tour anytime.

Sincerely,  
Bryan Caenepeel  
Owner | Operator



**BIG SWIG TOURS**  
[INFO@BIGSWIGTOURS.COM](mailto:INFO@BIGSWIGTOURS.COM)  
[WWW.BIGSWIGTOURS.COM](http://WWW.BIGSWIGTOURS.COM)  
907-268-0872  
**ANCHORAGE, AK**

**From:** [Beth Douthit](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 9:32:14 AM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support the restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

As an employee at a brewery, I do not understand how I would be able to enforce these laws effectively while allowing customers to practice their constitutional right of freedom of assembly/expression.

Thank you,

Beth Douthit  
Haines

**From:** [Arctic Harvest](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 4:43:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [petition signatures.pdf](#)  
[petition signatures 2.pdf .pdf](#)

---

To: The Alcohol Beverage Control Board Members

Re: Proposed statute definition of "other recreation"

Attached you will find two pages of signatures we collected in two days. We hope this helps to convince you that the public appreciates what we are doing and would like us to continue. The way the current proposal is written it will end much of what we currently offer to the community.

We recognize this is a complicated issue. It is our hope that during the next legislative session our elected officials can clear up the statute to better define what the intent of "other recreation" was.

Thank you for your time,  
The team at Arctic Harvest Farm Distillery

--

Kelly Eggleston

(907)460-1414  
[www.akgrownspirits.com](http://www.akgrownspirits.com)



We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the regulations proposed by AMCO. The proposed regulations grant the AMCO office greater powers than the statutes allow for, and they do not do so in the name of human health, welfare or public safety.

|    | Full Name                | Town & zip code | Signature                |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1  | JAMARA STRAIN            | 99615           | Jamara Strain            |
| 2  | Jennifer Balcom          | 99705           | Jennifer Balcom          |
| 3  | SPENCER HOLL             | 99714           | Spencer Holl             |
| 4  | Chatham Host             | 99705           | Chatham Host             |
| 5  | Jeffrey Porter           | 99705           | Jeffrey Porter           |
| 6  | John W. Tobin            | 99705           | John W. Tobin            |
| 7  | Serra Wanner             | 99702           | Serra Wanner             |
| 8  | Brittany Hall            | 99705           | Brittany Hall            |
| 9  | Colton Cochran           | 99705           | Colton Cochran           |
| 10 | Heather Thomas           | 99705           | Heather Thomas           |
| 11 | Susan Arruda             | 99705           | Susan Arruda             |
| 12 | Ruth Purvis              | 99705           | Ruth Purvis              |
| 13 | Thomas D ERTEL           | 99705           | Thomas D Ertel           |
| 14 | Roxanne Ertel            | 99705           | Roxanne Ertel            |
| 15 | Rochelle Schall-Humphrey | 99705           | Rochelle Schall-Humphrey |
| 16 | Earl Humphrey            | 99705           | Earl Humphrey            |
| 17 | Howard Rivie             | 99714           | Howard Rivie             |
| 18 | Kathi Jo Deeter          | 99709           | Kathi Jo Deeter          |
| 19 | Vance Fearce             | 99705           | Vance Fearce             |
| 20 | Dana A Boler             | 99714           | Dana A Boler             |
| 21 | Richard Jackson          | 99701           | Richard Jackson          |
| 22 | Lynn Jackson             | 99701           | Lynn Jackson             |
| 23 | Larsen Welsh             | 99701           | Larsen Welsh             |
| 24 | Harper Baldwin           | 99701           | Harper Baldwin           |
| 25 | Genevieve Hoover         | 99714           | Genevieve Hoover         |



We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the regulations proposed by AMCO. The proposed regulations grant the AMCO office greater powers than the statutes allow for, and they do not do so in the name of human health, welfare or public safety.

|    | Full Name             | Town & zip code        | Signature   |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1  | CHAD E. WING          | FAIRBANKS - 99706      | [Signature] |
| 2  | Shaylynn Hamilton     | Salcha AK 99714        | [Signature] |
| 3  | James O. Murphy       | North Pole, AK 99705   | [Signature] |
| 4  | Rita Murphy           | North Pole, AK 99705   | [Signature] |
| 5  | Dionne Gorrud         | Fairbanks, AK 99701    | [Signature] |
| 6  | Travis Gorrud         | Fairbanks, AK 99701    | [Signature] |
| 7  | Roberta Groves-Kelley | North Pole AK 99705    | [Signature] |
| 8  | ROBERT H BENCK        | NORTH POLE AK 99705    | [Signature] |
| 9  | Katre Marie Champ     | 99709                  | [Signature] |
| 10 | Brad Melee            | 99712                  | [Signature] |
| 11 | Becky Lyon            | Fairbanks 99706        | [Signature] |
| 12 | Don Kingkade          | Fairbanks 99709        | [Signature] |
| 13 | Dawn Mongold          | Fairbanks 99709        | [Signature] |
| 14 | Sarah Stiles          | Santa Fe 87506         | [Signature] |
| 15 | Amey Richards         | Fairbanks, AK          | [Signature] |
| 16 | Nathan Dodd           | Denver 80206           | [Signature] |
| 17 | Lynette HESTERBERG    | 2526 Loveland CO 80138 | [Signature] |
| 18 | Marylou Borden        | North Pole 99705       | [Signature] |
| 19 | Melanie Wicken        | North Pole 99705       | [Signature] |
| 20 | Cassidy Habig         | North Pole 99705       | [Signature] |
| 21 | JUSTINE ERADY         | SALCHA 99714           | [Signature] |
| 22 | Adam Keele            | North Pole, 99705      | [Signature] |
| 23 | ELISCA WILSON         | NORTH POLE, AK 99705   | [Signature] |
| 24 | GUERRERO, ALERON A    | NORTH POLE, AK 99705   | [Signature] |
| 25 | Samantha Goodman      | Eielson AFB AK 99702   | [Signature] |

**From:** [Ann Gifford](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose proposed 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 4:29:23 PM

---

Dear ABCB, I object to the adoption of 3AAC 304.390, which would define “other recreational or gaming opportunities” that brewpubs and distilleries may not permit to include things like classes, presentations and “other types of organized social gatherings.” Such a restrictive definition would appear to prohibit things like art exhibits on First Fridays and hosting fund-raisers for non-profits.

Apparently, you don’t want brew pubs and distilleries to support their communities or be public-spirited. Apparently, you think there is something wrong with people learning anything or taking part in an activity that promotes the social good in a brew pub or distillery. You just want them to drink.

I am at a loss to understand what public policy could possibly be advanced by this sort of regulation. We should be encouraging bars to be more public-spirited, not discouraging innovation for the public good in other businesses that sell alcohol. Please re-think your approach to regulating the activities of brew pubs and distilleries. Sincerely, Ann Gifford

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Karen Berger/Homer Brewing Co.](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 4:07:32 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes in which you are seeking public comments. Having been a license holder of the proposed changes for the last 23 years, my opinion is biased. However, as a member of the public, my opinion is still valid. The verbiage adopted in 2006 that has given us the privilege to sell to consumers a very limited amount of our products, within very limited hours and allow very limited activities while they otherwise enjoy the ambiance of our business has allowed us to grow. We have watched the industry within the state grow from under 10 to over 50 breweries, wineries and distilleries. We are economic drivers, job creators and forward thinkers in our state. Market trends from around the country show the same trends, but with most of these states operating under far fewer restrictions. Imagine what we could do if we had a few less restrictions, rather than more? The reasons for the proposed definitions are not driven by public safety, federal or state statute or economic benefit to the state. It is my opinion that pressure for these definitions comes from other licensees that feel the strain of a changing consumer preference and being unwilling to keep up with the trends. It is not up to the state to protect license's perceived value. If we are an "open for business" state, looking for all sources of revenue, it would seem to me our well respected, community minded businesses should be able to conduct their activities within the currently written statute. If definitions are needed, that should be taken up at the legislative level with due process given to any changes. The proposed definitions are beyond far reaching. The art of describing our products to consumers is a presentation up to the point of performance. (Think of the brewer describing the beer and its process from grain to glass, followed up by pouring a perfect example of the efforts and handing it to the "audience".) The addition of "games and competitions" is a repeat of the current verbiage regarding games. The subject is covered. " Other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public." As an example, our local running club uses our parking lot as a meeting place to begin and end their weekly "fun run" that may or may not include a beer, should they be so inclined. They "advertise" their route via their own means of club communication and use the name of our brewery as a reference point. What is the harm in this? Classes brings up another point. The art and science of brewing is a time honored trade, passed down throughout millennia. Not being able to discuss in some kind of organized fashion, the processes and nuances, styles and history, ideas and education of brewing is too far reaching for AMCO.

I hope the Board will let this pass over, without any changes made. Any and all changes in the current statute should be taken up in the legislative session where there has been years of discussion among the stakeholders. Clarifications are needed, changes are needed, but they all need to be made through the democratic process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Berger  
Stephen McCasland  
Homer Brewing Co.  
Homer, AK

**From:** [Sylvia Heinz](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 3:41:30 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

Please do not increase regulation for breweries and distilleries. These establishments are good for our economy, and hosting events in manufacturing facilities is a necessary part of the future of manufacturing in America.

In Haines, AK, the Haines Brewery increases the health of our economy by increasing foot traffic on Main Street, providing a venue to showcase local art, and providing a locally manufactured product to tourists and locals. If you are going to slow this economic boon, please make sure that you have very good reasons backed up by data.

I also own a manufacturing business (Mud Bay Lumber Company sells locally manufactured lumber products). Sometimes, we host community events to help celebrate and promote local manufacturing. Hosting events in no way indicates that we are not a manufacturing facility. Saying otherwise, in my opinion, hinders the future of American manufacturing. As manufacturers, if we do not adjust to a culture of millennials who want to know the story behind the products they consume, local manufacturing has no chance of competing with cheaper and easier imported products.

Thank you,

Sylvia Heinz  
PO box 1594  
Haines, AK, 99827



**From:** [Gary Wilken](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Sue Wilken](#); [Bobby Wilken](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Micciche, Peter A \(LEG\)](#); [Bishop, Click \(LEG\)](#); [Senator.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov](#); [Paul Johnson](#); [Karen Wilken](#); [Jessica Wilken](#)  
**Subject:** New brew pub regulations objection  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 2:53:09 PM

---

Greetings Chair Klein and the members of the AMC board of directors,

Thank you for your service and for reaching out to solicit public input. I respectfully respond as follows:

- In the bowels of the legislative branch of our government lies an age old strategy which can enable change to the rules that govern our society without the deliberative process so vital to our Rule of Law. That strategy which is played out in the back rooms of our deliberative bodies, is well known and unfortunately over utilized at the expense of properly developed public policy. It is:
  - *“What you can’t get by legislation, you get by regulation.....”*
  - That philosophy and strategy is at play front and center in the effort to impose further restrictions on Alaska’s burgeoning craft beer industry.
    - After failing to pass SB 171, the failure assisted by the devious and conflicted actions of certain Alaska House of Representatives members as they attempted to scuttle the legislation by taking advantage of the legislatures self imposed “24 hour Rule”, the issue of tasting room legislation died in the waning hours of the session.
    - These Representatives underestimated the courage and statesmanship of the prime sponsor and architect of SB 171, Senator Peter Micciche. He saw the shenanigans being play using time as a weapon and pulled his 2 year effort that would have benefitted the entire Alaskan alcohol industry.
- So the industry, which again, through this regulation channel strategy, is attempting to stifle creativity and the response to a new industry, as they follow the strategy *“when you can’t legislate, you regulate”*. Pure and simple.
- These restrictive regulations should be set aside and those who feel an urgent need to change the way we do business in Alaska, must do it through the legislative process involving not just self indulgent “bar owners” but the entire Alaska public as well.
- Let’s reward creativity. Let’s reward innovation. Let’s reward filling a new demand in a new industry with hope which plays itself out on a level playing field allowing unfettered competition benefiting the residents to chose products offered in a free market unprotected by restrictive and unfair regulations such as you are currently considering.
- Please set these regulations aside.

Thank you for allowing my input.

Gary Wilken



# Haines Chamber of Commerce

*"Working Together to Build Business & Community"*

219 Main Street, Suite 14

PO Box 1449 · Haines, AK 99827

907-766-2202 · 907-766-2271 (Fax)

chamber@haineschamber.org · www.haineschamber.org

---

## 2019 Board of Directors

October 3, 2019

**Dylan Beckish**  
Howsers IGA Supermarket

**George Campbell**  
Storage and Warehouse

**Liz Cornejo**  
Constantine Mining LLC  
Secretary

**Sean Gaffney**  
Alaska Mountain Guides  
Vice President

**Michael Ganey**  
Alaska Marine Lines

**Wendell Harren**  
First National Bank Alaska  
President

**Gerald Lapp**  
J&K Rentals

**Pamela Long**  
Haines Real Estate  
Treasurer

**Gregg Richmond**  
Captain's Choice Motel

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
State of Alaska  
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

To Whom It May Concern:

The Haines Chamber of Commerce represents more than 100 businesses that operate in the Haines Borough. We support a diverse and vibrant business community.

Haines has a local brewery and a distillery that infuse excitement into the community and aid in economic revitalization efforts. These businesses are an asset to our community, particularly as gathering places, and contribute to the economic well-being of Haines. They welcome families, and support non-profits and the arts community.

The Haines Chamber of Commerce encourages the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office to avoid placing additional restrictions on businesses without a clear and present need for further regulation. Hospitality is an important part of Haines' diverse economy and we are excited to see it flourish.

Sincerely,

Tracey Harmon  
Executive Director  
Haines Chamber of Commerce

**From:** [Spencer Douthit](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** A public comment on proposed changes to definitions to recreational or gaming opportunities in regulations for the ABC board  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 1:40:50 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

My name is Spencer Douthit and I am a resident of Haines, Alaska. My mailing address is P.O. Box 1102, Haines, 99827. I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed changes to the definition of recreational or gaming opportunities as presented by the Alcoholic Beverage Control board.

When I first entered Haines Brewing Company after moving to Haines from Fairbanks in 2013 I was introduced to the specific constraints of a brewery tasting room under a manufacturing license. At first I thought the limits on volume and hours were too tight and unnecessary. Over the last 6 years I now see things differently. I see opportunity created by tasting rooms with limited on site consumption during limited hours. I believe that the proposed changes to the definition of recreational or gaming opportunities will negatively affect a core mission of the Alcoholic Beverage Control board to promote responsible consumption of alcohol. I believe it will also hurt part of the alcohol industry that is providing valuable opportunities for our communities in Alaska.

I am a patron of bars, restaurants, distilleries and breweries. I am thankful to be in a smaller community which has all of those types of businesses because they all serve a different role to the residents and visitors. The manufacturer's tasting room is a location that promotes responsible consumption of alcohol because the tasting room laws created those conditions by limiting hours and volume for on site consumption. If these proposed changes are implemented you reduce opportunities for communities to have locations that foster responsible consumption of alcohol.

A day inside the brewery in Haines is a display of a healthy community space. Patrons come for many reasons such as sampling a great locally manufactured product, meeting to talk about business decisions, seeing artwork from locals, hearing about the latest changes to the community radio station, celebrating a birthday, gathering for a borough staff retirement, or having a meet and greet for southeast conference. Those community uses of the brewery would not exist without hard working local business owners that produce a great product and a clean, healthy environment to sample it in. The same community use would also not exist with the proposed changes to the definition of recreation. No establishment in Haines under any other alcohol licensing provides the same type of healthy, open space with an alcohol limited environment. There are many residents here that would never enter a bar, yet find the distillery or brewery a safe and respectable space to meet.

Some may argue the original intent of the tasting room law was to create locations strictly for beer connoisseurs to sample the different varieties before making a purchase for off site consumption, but the law has created something brilliant and healthy for communities in Alaska. It has created a place where residents and visitors can witness and participate in healthy, moderate alcohol consumption during community events. This is something that needs to be fostered and not stifled.

The Haines Brewing Company began in 1999 in a very small, bare bones building on the fairgrounds. Haines is small and our distribution challenges are great and so the modest beginning was appropriate for the entrepreneurial couple that started the business. Sixteen years of hard work later, the brewery purchased land on Main Street in Haines and built a new beautiful building with lots of tasting room space. Part of the success of the business was their attention to the social bottom line by being supportive of community functions, and after their expansion the ability to provide a space for some appropriate functions. The proposed change in definition of recreation would eliminate the community functions by creating a situation where a tasting room could be violating the law without even knowing it just because how that function was organized or advertised. That will damage the relationship between communities and the business.

Judging by the ABC board "Definition of Recreational and Gaming Opportunities Q and A" the intent of the change is to clarify separate licenses so things like performances, entertainment, games, and recreation are more clearly excluded from tasting rooms. Unfortunately, the draft definition takes too broad of a view of recreation and will also exclude our borough staff from organizing a retirement gathering. The draft definition will exclude the display of local artwork. The draft definition will eliminate the ability of tasting rooms to be venues of community importance the way they serve today. It also creates an situation for the businesses to be wary of any gathering since they are responsible for self-enforcement and may not know the details of how a group organized their visit.

If the board passes the new definition of recreation these community happenings will not just be picked up by another permitted alcohol license. In our town these gatherings will not change venue to a bar, they will not get a special event permit, they will not meet at a restaurant, they will happen at a private residence or at an alcohol free venue. That is because the tasting room in Alaska has become an entirely different entity that serves a unique need in our communities. The ABC board can listen to the interests of establishments which see tasting rooms as threatening to their businesses, but I believe the board will be wisest to recognize that tasting rooms serve different roles than other alcohol establishments entirely and changing the law will not shift business to other licensees.

Changing the law will hurt alaskan breweries and distilleries who are making a healthy manufacturing industry statewide in communities large to small. They have capitalized within their already clear and established constraints on an unfilled demand for a healthy, distraction free environment where community can meet and moderate amounts of alcohol are consumed. Starting small, and getting their foot in the door with a tasting room under the existing law is improving the alcohol industry for the entire state by increasing the quality and availability of products for distributors and retailers. Further restrictions to tasting rooms will also negatively impact our communities which have begun to rely on tasting rooms for certain social and community functions.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

Spencer Douthit



**From:** [Sandy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposed reg. addition 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 11:48:33 AM

---

I am firmly against the proposed new restrictions stated in 3 AAC 304.390 that would require breweries, wineries, and distilleries to further limit activities and behavior in tasting and tap rooms.

My husband and I are craft beer drinkers. We visit our local Kenai Peninsula brewers tap rooms. When visiting other towns we always stop at the local brewery to try their beers and buy some of their product to bring home. Many visitors to Alaska include brewery, winery, and distillery tasting rooms in their travel plans.

We have never seen bad behavior by patrons drinking craft beer in tap room and think added restrictions on activities and social behavior to be unreasonable.

Breweries, wineries, and distilleries are an Alaskan success bringing in customers from all over the world. I do not see any benefit in enacting the proposed 3 AAC 304.390 regulations.

Sandra Matthews  
P O Box 265  
Kasilof, AK 99610

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [k12.path@gci.net](mailto:k12.path@gci.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulations restricting activities at Brew Pubs  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 11:46:59 AM  
**Importance:** High

---

.Board members of the the AAMCO Board:

I disagree with the proposed new regulations for activities at Brew pubs.

In Kodiak we have one brew pub. The owner is a long time resident and does a lot of positive activities and fundraisers associated with his business that benefits our town, non profits and kids.

Frankly I see no conflict with other dispensers of Alcohol in our town or elsewhere in Alaska.

To me these new regulations are just as onerous as salmon allocation arguments.

I was once a bartender, but have no connection with bars or pubs as I haven't had a drink in over 33 years.

Thanks for doing what you do!

Pat Holmes

**From:** [Katherine Reeves](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes to Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 9:46:20 AM

---

Hi there,

I would like to submit my public comment on the proposed changes to the brewery regulations that would make it illegal for breweries to host events like art shows, fundraisers, and organized tours. I feel this is taking things too far at a time when Alaska needs new businesses and sources of revenue more than ever. The State should be supporting any kind of business that is resourceful enough to fill a niche in a market that still has room to grow!

The bar scene is a stagnant business model and people are less and less interested in it. You can see examples across the country of breweries flourishing in states that support them. And even despite all the rules already in place to limit Alaska's breweries to only serving 36 ounces and forbidding them from any live entertainment, people still choose to visit breweries rather than bars.

The breweries are family-friendly and offer a much better atmosphere where people can enjoy a locally-produced product. If the breweries are stifled even further by being forbidden to host events, I don't believe the bars will get this business back. People will simply take their beer to drink at home, and the State will have done local breweries a great disservice.

The proposed limits on breweries would also impact another growing industry which Alaska should be supporting - beer tourism. If breweries cannot give tours of their operations, both local and out of state tourists would not have the opportunity to learn what makes our local Alaska breweries special.

Instead of penalizing one industry for being smart and innovating with the times, the State should be supporting this segment! Alaska has so few products manufactured locally, but beer is one of the highlights. The bars need to find their own unique ways of getting business. The world is always changing. We have a free market and it's not the government's place to say that breweries cannot have First Friday events, or hold fundraisers for local charities. Please support this growing industry!

Thank you for your time and for reading my comments. I appreciate it!

Sincerely,  
Katie Reeves

**From:** [Kathleen Menke](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposed reg changes on breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 4:55:34 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

Our local brewery and distillery in Haines are healthy places for community gatherings.

It is wrong to tighten regs in order to protect bar owners in Alaska. Bars are not generally healthy places to hang out.

Regards,  
Kathleen Menke  
Haines

**From:** [Rob Borland](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#); [McConnell, Erika B \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304.390 petition documents  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 10:46:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [petition comments jobs 17652176 20191003012300.csv](#)  
[petition comments jobs 17652176 20191003181517.pdf](#)  
[petition signatures jobs 17652176 20191003180937.csv](#)  
[petition signatures jobs 17652176 20191002184343.pdf](#)

---

Attached are petition signatures and comments that I would like to be included as public comment on proposed regulation 3AAC 304.390.

Respectfully,  
Rob Borland



Recipient: Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Letter: Greetings,

Save Alaska's Breweries, Distilleries, and Wineries

# Comments

| Name                      | Location       | Date       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Michael Blair             | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 | "It is time to quit harassing legitimate businesses in Alaska. The Alaska State government, should be encouraging & helping new businesses survive. Not continuing to place hurdles in their way."                                                                                                                                                  |
| Jeff Tucker               | Kenai, AK      | 2019-09-04 | "I support the craft breweries and distilleries in Alaska and want to foster their growth not hinder it."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Lloyd Huskey              | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-04 | "Having worked in the industry, I see absolutely no point to this regulation"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Artem Zhdanov             | US             | 2019-09-04 | "These small local businesse sbring a lot of development and good spirit into the local economy, they promote health y competition and are amazing places to meet and spend time, unlike bars!"                                                                                                                                                     |
| Stephanie Barney          | Alabama        | 2019-09-04 | "I feel this hurts and hinders more industry's than just one. By limiting events your taking away jobs from venders, caterers, food trucks, musicians etc. We need more events that bring community together not less."                                                                                                                             |
| Ryan Hughes               | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 | "I'm a big fan of free enterprise without government overstepping where it doesn't belong. If the bars can't make it without government intervention, perhaps they should close."                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Brian Laurencelle         | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-04 | "These measures a purely a means of stifling a budding industry in Alaska. As the article states, there is no public safety concern and it seems that these regs and made by and for the bar industry because they are loosing business"                                                                                                            |
| Tempest Westfall-Crusciel | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 | "T'm signing the petition because I believe this industry is the future. Brings jobs and revenue into the community!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Jon Griesbach             | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-04 | "Small business needs all the help they can get, not more greedy governing."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Donna Reilly Olesen       | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 | "I go to Tasting Rooms to sample their wares. I want to know what they're doing and what's next in their production. They should be free to let me enjoy the art, the fundraisers, the presentations, classes and private celebrations. Please stop trying to regulate further, local businesses that don't require more regulations."              |
| Leonard Simmons           | Ester, AK      | 2019-09-04 | "I don't understand AMCOs obsession with attacking small business in Alaska. The proposed regulations are absurd."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Nathan Plachinski         | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 | "Let the breweries be open it's eductional and the best part is having it strait from the tap"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Rachelle Reynolds         | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 | "Why are you trying to regulate the over regulated? They can't serve past 8pm and I don't know of what distillery or brewery that has had any fights, violence, deaths or gunshots. You're interfering with free enterprise, the abilities for these establishments to be profitable, the CHARITIES and communities they are a part of and the damn |

| Name                | Location        | Date       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     |                 |            | American dream. Just let them be! Regulate the bars that are over serving, and doing little to contribute to their communities outside of the taxes they may or may not pay (I've seen more local places behind on taxes and no breweries or distilleries in our town)"                                                                                                                                                      |
| KRISTEN SULLIVAN    | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 | "Our local breweries and distilleries are apart of our communities. They do a ton of good and I'm happy to support them in this fight. From first fridays to weekly fun runs... animal shelter fundraisers! Why are we having to tell lawmakers who work for us once again they are a valueable part of our community AS IS. Why mess with a fully thriving part of our economy? That's nuts."                               |
| Roberta Hamilton    | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 | "I believe this to be wrong and inter fence in free enterprise!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Christina Sinclair  | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-04 | "I'm signing because this is over-regulation by bar owners not wanting to adapt to change."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Gary Davis          | Los Angeles, US | 2019-09-04 | "because people have the right to drink and assemble."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Krissi Beckel       | Portland, OR    | 2019-09-04 | "The ABC Board should be regulated!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Libby Rosebaugh     | Mankato, MN     | 2019-09-04 | "this is ludicrous!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Susan Miller        | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-04 | "Small business entrepreneurs have as much right to operate their business as do the larger businesses. Small interest groups should not be able to dictate how other similar businesses are run."                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Erin Parcher Wartes | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 | "Distilleries are an important part of the locally owned small business environment in Alaska."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Toivo Luick         | Fairbanks, WA   | 2019-09-04 | "The proposed regulations are terrible."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Juliette Funck      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 | "These small business are great for our communities. They are great meeting places and should be allowed to continue there positive events"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Linda Harriger      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 | "I enjoy the events I attend at the breweries, distilleries and wineries. They are a different sort of socializing than one finds in the typical bar. This proposed regulation will negatively effect the targeted businesses and appears to be an attempt to undermine them. I urge the ABC board to allow distilleries, wineries, and breweries to continue to hold events and social gatherings at their establishments." |
| Matthew Putman      | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-04 | "I love our local underdogs."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Brittany Karns      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 | "These are small businesses owned by local community members and provide huge value to life in the small towns of Alaska. We want them here."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Becky Anderson      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 | "There's absolutely no reason to add these ridiculous regulations to those already established! Leave these businesses alone and do NOT add these regulations. Shame on you for even wanting to do this!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



| Name               | Location        | Date       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brittany Timonen   | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 | "Alaska's ABC creates illogical, overly strict and burdensome regulation that stifles business and hurts the economy. There is no foundation for this newly proposed regulation."                                                                                                      |
| Kathy Richmond     | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "I think distilleries ought to be able to host events."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Adam Cooley        | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "No new regs unless for an increase in daily minimums of consumption and more event options."                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Abigail Paul       | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 | "It's unfair to try to impose the same kinds of rules on tasting rooms as bars. Tasting rooms are already much more heavily regulated than bars. This new set of rules is just one more example of government hurting the economy for the sake of a few individuals who will benefit." |
| Monica Olson       | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "The law serves no purpose and is unfair to small brewers and distilleries"                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Christi Eickholt   | US              | 2019-09-05 | "I have seen so many positive fundraising events and love the vendor support that these establishments have. They help grow small businesses and startups."                                                                                                                            |
| Keith Beaver       | Newport, PA     | 2019-09-05 | "This is America, not the USSR"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Georges Verhoeven  | Mons, Belgium   | 2019-09-05 | "A corrupt political system is attempting to stifle change aka "the will of the people""                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Emily Quick        | Portland, OR    | 2019-09-05 | "Because... no"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| carol martin       | goldendale, WA  | 2019-09-05 | "this is a ridiculous regulation! What brainiac thought this up ?"                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Renee Everhart     | Wasilla, AK     | 2019-09-05 | "Do not destroy industry in Alaska. Breweries and wineries bring something needed. Why would anyone want to drive more people out of Alaska with unnecessary regulations?"                                                                                                             |
| Candy Rydlinski    | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-05 | "George Rydlinski"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Jessica MacCallum  | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "AMCO is ridiculous and apparently is being paid by bar owners."                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| James Brown        | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "The state board is corrupt"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Ryan Phillips      | Minneapolis, MN | 2019-09-05 | "Alaska has a special brewery culture. Don't ruin it! (I used to live there, still visit from time to time)"                                                                                                                                                                           |
| James Hoogenhous   | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "The change serves no real purpose for benefiting the public and only stymies existing business growth in the community. If anything, they should consider allowing these places to be open to the public later into the day."                                                         |
| Danielle Blanchard | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "Do not limit the venues for family friendly events!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Austin Grossman    | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "It's a great harmless experience for myself to socialize with others in the community"                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Name                 | Location        | Date       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Susan Malen          | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-05 | "I stead of encouraging economic growth this bill will hamper is greatly."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| george bennett       | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-05 | "We need to encourage micro breweries and distillers instead of supporting corporate alcohol producers."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Austin Boatwright    | North pile, AK  | 2019-09-05 | "I love hoodoo and black spruce"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Kelcee Lindquist     | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 | "Because fabulous community things should not be shut down! Everyone else should up their game!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Jamie Schmitt        | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "The proposed verbiage is to restricting and makes no sense as to why. It is only inhibiting an already safe environment that's trying to provide a community oriented place to gather the public. I disagree fully with all intent on this regulation period- let alone creating a more defined one."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Sandra Oconnor       | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 | "The reason I'm signing this petition is because the breweries and distillers in Fairbanks provide social gathering places which provide a calmer, quieter more inviting place for people than most of the bars in town. Due to the limits on alcohol consumption, these are places children can safely be with their families."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Dudlee Pense         | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "I feel this will be a wrongful restriction on breweries, distilleries and wineries. The amount of alcohol available for consumption under current rules is negligible compared to what can be consumed at other establishments. I don't have a problem with the 2 drink maximum. Restricting First Friday displays, tours, and other types of presentations is being vindictive in my opinion. Are these establishments having that much impact on the other restaurants and bars that they need to squash the upstarts? This feels very personal and petty....not what I would expect of a governing board. Maybe it is time to disallow any bar or restaurant owners from being on this board." |
| Richard VanderHoek   | Anchorage, US   | 2019-09-05 | "I am signing because I believe in Alaskan breweries and wineries, and believe they shouldn't be saddled with harassing laws like this."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Mike Spooner         | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "Support local small businesses and quit trying to regulate cottage industry into oblivion."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Carla Willetto       | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 | "These small creative distilleries are great members of our community and are allies for so many good causes."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Derek Stutz          | Minneapolis, MN | 2019-09-05 | "I'm signing because everyone deserves a fair chance at business and making money. Competition is healthy for our economy, not stifling it because a handful of greedy people can't change."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Dannielle Harrington | Las Vegas, NV   | 2019-09-05 | "Let people be social, enjoy the arts, and share each others small businesses and hobbies. It's Alaska! People need to have these events for lively hood and antidepressants."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Kate Burger          | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 | "I own and operate a small business that would benefit from hosting small public parties in breweries and distilleries. I could engage with bars but have no desire due to the status quo of said                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Name            | Location        | Date       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                 |                 |            | establishments. I've lived in the same community all of my adult life and have seen the same bars do the same things, without making improvements of any kind. It's blatant that they don't care because we have no other options. Every brewery and distillery I've attended goes out of their way to provide a safe, clean, and friendly environment. The creativity and authenticity these business provide enhance our community."                                                                                               |
| Susan Cross     | Index, WA       | 2019-09-05 | "Why would you even consider enacting such a law?"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Amanda Bent     | fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "Support these local businesses. Let them do business! Fun is a good thing!!!! They usually have a very different environment from bars and I prefer it."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ann lovejoy     | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "My life is better when I can be social seeing friends at events, while supporting small Alaskan businesses, such as breweries."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| David Rich      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "I support the brewery's and distillers."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Michael McGraw  | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "I want fairness for the distilleries"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Robyn Davies    | North pole, US  | 2019-09-05 | "This interpretation of the statute has went too far and will be impossible to enforce much like whether or not the distillery or customer adds ice"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Adele Landroche | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 | " There is absolutely no logical reason why events at distilleries should be banned . Typically the events are well organized and benefit small businesses in our state through advertising, word of mouth and attendance at these events ."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Jason Hamlett   | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "I am a regular attendee of First Fridays and social gatherings at the breweries and distulleries"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| David Arieno    | Chugiak, AK     | 2019-09-05 | "I believe in small businesses and entrepreneurs"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Kevin Jarose    | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 | "I like it how it is"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Teri Strandberg | Tomahawk, WI    | 2019-09-05 | "I like micro and small business"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Nicole Jacobs   | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-05 | "Because I enjoy our wineries and breweries"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Bob Gengler     | Eagle River, AK | 2019-09-05 | "The local breweries are bringing much needed money in their areas of the state and are providing a sense of local pride and a feeling of community. To limit their viability because of perceived competition is far from appropriate and is an attempt to stifle the free market that America is supposed to be founded on."                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Hannah Hill     | Anchorage, US   | 2019-09-05 | "I am strongly against this proposal for further limits on events that can be held at breweries, distilleries, and wineries. I believe that these establishments have a great ability to be a community gathering place and that we should encourage their involvement in the community and promotion of events not solely related to alcohol. I would much rather participate in events at breweries rather than "bars". These businesses are dedicated to their communities and foster appreciation for not only the products that |

| Name              | Location      | Date       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                   |               |            | they are making but for enhancing and supporting our community. No new regulation!!!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Victorian Wells   | US            | 2019-09-06 | "Because this not the 1920 or 1930's and if they are running they're business right leave them alone."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Medvedeva Maria   | Fairbanks, AK | 2019-09-06 | "The distilleries and breweries are supporting local communities and other small family owned businesses with partnerships. They should be allowed to operate within their already highly confined licenses as is!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tom Brice         | juneau, AK    | 2019-09-06 | "simply using government as a cudgel to get rid of your perceived competition is un-Alaskan."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Deborah Vandruff  | Anchorage, AK | 2019-09-06 | "I am signing because this is a totally dumb idea-may as well close the bars, too."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| amy gallaway      | Fairbanks, AK | 2019-09-06 | "We need more economic development and less regulation."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Melanie Lindholm  | Fairbanks, AK | 2019-09-06 | "We don't need over regulation in local business."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Luke Greenfield   | Fairbanks, AK | 2019-09-06 | "I don't enjoy going to bars. Breweries and the distilleries are my kind of place. Great drinks and you can talk to people without talking over the noise a bar creates. It a great atmosphere and enjoy going there."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Colleen Sullivan  | Fairbanks, AK | 2019-09-06 | "Small business is the lifeblood of our community. Lets allow these businesses to bring us together at social events and gatherings!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Aaron Jones       | Schertz, TX   | 2019-09-06 | "Stop government from impeding small businesses. Stop AB Inbev, and Miller-Coors from monopolizing the industry in Alaska."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Jason Schoening   | Fairbanks, AK | 2019-09-06 | "The proposed legislation is ridiculous."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Sarah McGowan     | Anchorage, US | 2019-09-07 | "Why are you harassing these businesses? They started their businesses under one set of rules, then, as soon as they invested so much, you change the rules such that it looks as if they are designed to make these people go out of business. Shame on you!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Marcia Luick      | Carthage, ME  | 2019-09-07 | "What? Are we going back to the dark ages? Oh. Right. That's the way it always was. These events are benign and part of a culture of people coming together to spending time together which is never a bad thing. We aren't talking brawling here. This is a cultural issue."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Marguerite bishop | Fairbanks, AK | 2019-09-07 | "I think the the board has the right to tell them how long they are open and their hours but not that they can have a first Friday or music. It's ridiculous to be involved on the entertainment of Alaskans. There is not that much to do and the board thinks it is ok to stop good healthy things happening in the cities??? No. Stay working on what really matters and stop doing favours for your buddies that have bars. I think we need to vote on what the the committee can do and what they can not touch. Put more rules on you." |

| Name               | Location           | Date       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tana Hart          | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-07 | "I believe in choice and sometimes a bar isn't the best venue. There is a place for both."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Carolyn Jochens    | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-07 | "I don't think the new regulations are fair to local breweries that have invested in their businesses and hire local talent."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Suzanne Richards   | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-07 | "I support the ability to be creative with business ideas. Breweries and distilleries are different from bars, serve a different purpose, and should not be legislated with regulations that seem only to support bar owners. I can't find any other reason, not safety, not logic, nothing, for these purposed regulations."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mae Beth Williams  | Selma, OR          | 2019-09-08 | "the proposed regulations make no sense."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Becky grunder      | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-08 | "We need to diversify our economy why would we not want these businesses to run as they have been? What will happen to all their employees. I went to one the other night and they were packed! It is good for our economy and good for employment!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Jessica Mavrd      | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 | "It's the right thing to do!!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Julie Brophy       | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 | "There's room in This state for both breweries and bars. We need to continue to support small and local businesses not try to shut them down."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Philip Barry       | Odenton, MD        | 2019-09-09 | "Because there is no point to this"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Vance Feavel       | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 | "My choice to spend where I choose. These businesses are thriving throughout Alaska. No need for ABC to manipulate against the that."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Scott Berg         | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 | "They should not be infringing on the rights of the businesses to run their establishments. Changing the rules after the fact is unfair!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Matthew Haynes     | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 | "Make America great again"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Deborah Retherford | Palmer, AK         | 2019-09-09 | "These businesses are becoming an important part of our economy, they are being embraced by residents and they deserve an equal playing field. Don't stifle their growth."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Michele Trainor    | Delta Junction, AK | 2019-09-09 | " All these events are family friendly. Any alcoholics consumption is strictly controlled and light bars. I live a couple miles down the road from a popular bar in Delta Junction. Once a week we have an intoxicated driver missing the corner, landing in the ditch or the trees. They proceede to run off later claiming their car was stolen. This does not happen with distilleries and breweries. Besides, this is free enterprise and capitalism. If the bars claim is being taken from them then perhaps they should re-examine their bars and business practices." |
| Omar Sharif        | Bangladesh         | 2019-09-09 | "I signed this because it must be important, I think."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| FRANCES MARIN      | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 | "I love my local breweries and hanging our at them."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Jason ballek       | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 | "Quit trying to knock these businesses down."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Name              | Location         | Date       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Amber Brophy      | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-09 | "This is the most ridiculous ideal!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Scott Stroman     | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-09 | "As long as it's regulated. Shouldn't be a problem for them to raise money for things."                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Renee Schneider   | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-10 | "It's important to allow businesses to do business"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Curtis Crandall   | US               | 2019-09-10 | "Government sucks and this legislation is garbage."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Ronda Schlumbohm  | Salcha, AK       | 2019-09-10 | "I believe distilleries offer services that bars cannot. I love their events!"                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Sally Devereaux   | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-10 | "Sally Devereaux"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| bonnie hill       | Reno, NV         | 2019-09-10 | "Don't limit this home grown business...they need the social events to advertise, show their products and build a customer base."                                                                                                                                                    |
| Bradley Cross     | Kenai, AK        | 2019-09-10 | "The ABC board appears to have overstepped its duty. The reason? Nefarious. Stop interfering with private sector growth and economic diversification."                                                                                                                               |
| gena powers       | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 | "This is essential for business owners to network and brings the community together, not only for business but also providing a venue for private events."                                                                                                                           |
| Keith Rowan       | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-10 | "This is the right thing to do."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Christina Blair   | Juneau, AK       | 2019-09-10 | "I wholeheartedly sign this petition!!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Michael Ingraham  | Eielsonafb, AK   | 2019-09-10 | "I believe the brewers have a voice also. Big money should not be trying to push the little guy out"                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Casey Simpson     | US               | 2019-09-10 | "We have very few establishments left to gather and enjoy a safe tasting atmosphere. I'm signing to support the creative way our small town breweries continue to provide healthy and whole friend making events. Let our breweries continue to be social gathering establishments." |
| Judy Peterson     | Fort Collins, CO | 2019-09-10 | "Because , it didn't make since what they want to do control everything"                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Magali Caro       | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-10 | "We need to keep supporting local businesses.. these are safe events we can enjoy"                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Silvia cruz       | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 | "It's a must to save local businesses."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Christina Ried    | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-10 | "People should be able to enjoy art as the responsibly sip on beverages, as well as other forms of entertainment and games. This legislation is bogus control!"                                                                                                                      |
| Denis Schweighart | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-11 | "Stop it!!! Stop trying to regulate every damn thing!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Danielle Solsvig  | Palmer, AK       | 2019-09-11 | "I want to support local!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| Name              | Location            | Date       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Athena Fulton     | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-11 | "I'm signing this petition because I believe in free enterprise!!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Jennifer McCord   | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-11 | "Fascism sucks and responsible consumers should be allowed to participate in events at the locations they choose, and because these rules are antiquated, and because it's not even the same clientele going to the breweries here as to the bars. Stop over-regulating where there needn't be any regulation. If these restrictions pass, I'm going to boycott all the bars and everyone in support of it, and I'm going to get all of my friends and family in on it, too, and it's going to hurt a lot more than if you just left it alone." |
| Dana Strager      | Kent, WA            | 2019-09-11 | "It's important"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Clarence Harding  | Wasilla, AK         | 2019-09-11 | "The Alaskan breweries are already over regulated on what type of fun can be had. Further regulations are just ridiculous ."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Gayle McNeill     | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-12 | "It's important to keep Anchorage's businesses alive!!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Dawn Dunham       | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-12 | "This is wrong. We enjoy visiting local businesses and this hurts a lot of them."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Heather Jorgensen | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-13 | "This legislation hurts our small town businesses. I support our local breweries and distilleries. Arctic Harvest, Hoodoo, Hoarfrost...and others. Great businesses like these deserve the support of our community."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Kristina Hoffert  | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-13 | "Total BS!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Christina Tachick | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-13 | "Limiting competition is bad for the economy. Alaskans hate regulations, especially when the regulations hinder their freedom of activities. These poor businesses are already over-regulated and provide a much nicer place to be and enjoy an adult beverage compared to the bars that let their patrons get trashed."                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Cheryl Stafford   | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-17 | "I think we should have a place together and have couple of drinks"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Brittany Ford     | Alaska              | 2019-09-18 | "This is asinine and ridiculous. There is already a limited amount of venues available for adult night life outside of the regular bar atmosphere, this is government overstepping big time."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Nancy SPencer     | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-18 | "It would be shameful for this to happen!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Michelle Brooks   | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-18 | "Our local breweries and distilleries support the local community and encourage people to get out and be active. We need more of this not less. Stop trying to place rules and regulations on them that have nothing to do with alcohol."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Matthew dietz     | fort Wainwright, US | 2019-09-18 | "Matthew Dietz"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Jesse Solomon     | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-20 | "Theses events are important for our community."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| William perry     | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-22 | "AMCO over regulation is bad for business in Alaska"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



Recipient: Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Letter: Greetings,

Save Alaska's Breweries, Distilleries, and Wineries



# Signatures

| Name                | Location         | Date       |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| Robert Borland      | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-03 |
| Travis Eggleston    | North Pole, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Jimmy Miller        | Ester, US        | 2019-09-04 |
| Jason Avery         | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-04 |
| Michael Blair       | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-04 |
| Brian Collyard      | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Jeff Tucker         | Kenai, AK        | 2019-09-04 |
| Emery Johnson       | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-04 |
| Mija McGuire        | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Lloyd Huskey        | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Brenda Riley        | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Clinton Crites      | Seward, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Stephanie Barney    | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Seth Robinson       | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Josh Good           | Dutch Harbor, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Leigh Eberhart      | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-04 |
| Artem Zhdanov       | US               | 2019-09-04 |
| Jennifer Schumacher | fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Warren Moore        | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Justin Jones        | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-04 |

| Name              | Location      | Date       |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| Richard Etheridge | Juneau, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Kim Lemish        | Anchorage, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Jess Potter       | Fairbanks, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Bill Chadwick     | Girdwood, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Olivia Edwards    | Fairbanks, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Janelle Grimes    | Anchorage, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Kelly Gitter      | Fairbanks, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Tammy Brock       | Fairbanks, AK | 2019-09-04 |
| Arthur Cook       | Fairbanks, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Jessie Desmond    | Fairbanks, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Trinity Pech      | Valdez, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Jamie Smith       | Ester, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Brett Isakson     | Anchorage, US | 2019-09-04 |
| David Mongold     | Fairbanks, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Rachelle Reynolds | Fairbanks, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Karla Evanger     | Fairbanks, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Ryan Hughes       | Fairbanks, AK | 2019-09-04 |
| Nicholas Tallman  | Soldotna, AK  | 2019-09-04 |
| Samantha Wiser    | Fairbanks, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Jason Lauesen     | Fairbanks, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Justin Driskill   | Palmer, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Sara Bell         | Fairbanks, AK | 2019-09-04 |

| Name                      | Location        | Date       |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Brooke McDavid            | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Nicolas Carrillo          | Eagle River, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Heni Barnes               | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 |
| Russell Dennis            | Ester, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Spencer DeWaele           | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Bobby Wilken              | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Nicki Smith               | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Brian Laurencelle         | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Sabe Flores               | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Tempest Westfall-Crusciel | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 |
| Shirlie Gribble           | Homer, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Jill Loftus               | Kenai, AK       | 2019-09-04 |
| Brett Schimmack           | Eagle River, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Matt Cooper               | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Ryan Rosa                 | El Paso, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Camryn Quayle             | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 |
| Jon Griesbach             | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-04 |
| Christine O'Connor        | Valdez, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Donna Reilly Olesen       | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-04 |
| Keely Pearson             | North Pole, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Randy Paddock             | North Pole, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Kelly Eggleston           | North Pole, US  | 2019-09-04 |

| Name                | Location           | Date       |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Leonard Simmons     | Ester, AK          | 2019-09-04 |
| Rych Clime          | Douglas, AK        | 2019-09-04 |
| Michael Berrie      | Newberg, US        | 2019-09-04 |
| Kimberly Brock      | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| Alysha Childs       | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Ruby Kelley         | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Nathan Plachinski   | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| Heidi Baer          | Appleton, WI       | 2019-09-04 |
| Christa Cooper      | Mankato, MN        | 2019-09-04 |
| Jennifer Harding    | Denver, US         | 2019-09-04 |
| Don McPhee          | Whitehorse, Canada | 2019-09-04 |
| Shannon Vargas      | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Brandon Campbell    | Anchorage, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Shawn Armstrong     | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Seth Wilson         | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| John Gaedeke        | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Brady Anderson      | Chugiak, US        | 2019-09-04 |
| Will Jaster         | Soldotna, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Tracy Charles-Smith | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Jessica Bell        | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Martha Hewlett      | Douglas, US        | 2019-09-04 |
| Brian Friebe        | Neenah, WI         | 2019-09-04 |

| Name               | Location          | Date       |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Ridge Smith        | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Michelle Salinas   | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-04 |
| Shaylynn Hamilton  | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Matthew Eglin      | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Elizabeth Jones    | US                | 2019-09-04 |
| KRISTEN SULLIVAN   | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-04 |
| Roberta Hamilton   | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-04 |
| Kat Buchanan       | Juneau, US        | 2019-09-04 |
| Dustin Gridley     | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Christina Sinclair | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-04 |
| Rachel Campbell    | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Sacha Layos        | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Gary Davis         | Los Angeles, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| joe evjen          | Silver Spring, US | 2019-09-04 |
| George Mihalich    | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Kristin Scott      | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Natalie Schuldt    | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Hayden Nevill      | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Teresa Goodwin     | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| paige poston       | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-04 |
| Krissi Beckel      | Portland, OR      | 2019-09-04 |
| Susan Miller       | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-04 |

| Name                | Location         | Date       |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| Marna Sanford       | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Melissa Dionne      | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Randall Bezdek      | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Mark Rabinovitch    | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Amanda LaBarre      | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-04 |
| Faustine Bernadac   | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-04 |
| Gretchen Gordon     | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Libby Rosebaugh     | Mankato, MN      | 2019-09-04 |
| Brandon Harker      | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Tanya Buzby         | Salcha, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| kayla mattacchione  | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Erin Parcher Wartes | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-04 |
| Janet Daley         | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Stephen Anderson    | North Pole, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Kyl Quayle          | Pocatello, ID    | 2019-09-04 |
| Jacie Sturm         | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Skye Whitaker       | milwaukie, OR    | 2019-09-04 |
| Tara Borland        | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Christina Fantazzi  | Seattle, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| James Oden          | Kenai, AK        | 2019-09-04 |
| Mary Beaton         | Hamilton, Canada | 2019-09-04 |
| Shawn Dougherty     | Bellevue, US     | 2019-09-04 |

| Name               | Location            | Date       |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Eric Cooper        | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Krista Christensen | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-04 |
| Robert Burgess     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-04 |
| Stephanie Bluekens | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Bridget Martin     | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Anne Doerpinghaus  | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-04 |
| Nicole Chambers    | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-04 |
| Jessica Radakovich | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Robert Fox         | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Heather Grimes     | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Callie Armstrong   | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Toivo Luick        | Fairbanks, WA       | 2019-09-04 |
| David McEntire     | Fort Wainwright, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Erin Tilly         | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Dwayne Mundy       | Apopka, US          | 2019-09-04 |
| Lynn Troup         | North Pole, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Amanda Lash        | North Pole, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Tasmine Stebbins   | North Pole, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Heather Scannell   | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Jeannie Boniface   | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-04 |
| Juliette Funck     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-04 |
| Rebecca McGuire    | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-04 |

| Name             | Location       | Date       |
|------------------|----------------|------------|
| Nadia Riley      | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 |
| Annie Duffy      | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 |
| Shawnee Kasanke  | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Teresa Paulsen   | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Linda Harriger   | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 |
| Ryan Bowers      | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 |
| Desiree Crabtree | Portland, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Samara Steele    | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Bruce Abbott     | Alaska         | 2019-09-04 |
| Kathy Moss       | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Susan Reilly     | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Matthew Putman   | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-04 |
| Sarah Wright     | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Dena Smith       | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Lawrence Simmons | Soldotna, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Madison Ganzak   | Inkster, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Morgan Roybal    | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Mark Harriger    | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Daniel Burke     | Lakeside, US   | 2019-09-04 |
| Kristen Schupp   | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-04 |
| Galen Eggleston  | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-04 |
| Matthew Cook     | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-04 |



| Name                | Location           | Date       |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Kimberly Rogers     | Delta Junction, US | 2019-09-04 |
| Matt Kynoch         | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| Bruce Downes        | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| Frank Hardy         | Wasilla, US        | 2019-09-04 |
| Brittany Karns      | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| raziel nelson       | fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Becky Anderson      | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| Brittany Timonen    | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| Erica West          | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| Christy Fleming     | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Joelle Hepler       | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Aaron Timonen       | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Sharon Alden        | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| Hallie Wolfe        | Bedford Hills, NY  | 2019-09-04 |
| Atileo Frizzera     | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Elsbeth Cheyne      | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| Margaret Billington | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-04 |
| Aspen Frick         | Long Beach, US     | 2019-09-04 |
| Tisha Simmons       | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Kevin Corr          | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Genna Smith         | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |
| Trista Crass        | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-04 |

| Name              | Location             | Date       |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Jennifer Hoffmann | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-04 |
| Marie Bridgewater | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-04 |
| Jed Yang          | State College, US    | 2019-09-04 |
| Josh Jones        | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-04 |
| Jeffrey Deeter    | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Chris Brown       | Croton On Hudson, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Sarah Wood        | Portland, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Bryan Hall        | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Bryan Escamilla   | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Lesa Sears        | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| krista messer     | Portland, OR         | 2019-09-05 |
| Lili Misel        | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Colin Jeppsen     | Ester, US            | 2019-09-05 |
| Morrow Duszynski  | North pole, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| James Fisher      | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Jason Slats       | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Christina Johnson | North Pole, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| Justin Hart       | fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| John Evans        | Soldotna, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Misti Epps        | Tacoma, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Kathy Richmond    | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Adam Cooley       | Anchorage, US        | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                   | Location         | Date       |
|------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Jacob Chavez           | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Marie-Sylvestre Olesen | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Bruno Grunau           | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Ethan Darcy-Dowler     | North Pole, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Janet Thompson         | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Tara Hutchison         | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Derek Sikes            | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Walter Hughes          | Buzzards Bay, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Mark Thompson          | Lima, OH         | 2019-09-05 |
| Linda Armstrong        | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Vicki Wyan             | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Shannon Spring         | Dutch Harbor, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Alyssa Quintyne        | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Julia Bastuscheck      | Bend, OR         | 2019-09-05 |
| Ashley Timonen         | Saint Helens, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Marsha Sousa           | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Abigail Paul           | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Nathan Webb            | Brunswick, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| thomas kurkowski       | fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Amy Chausse            | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Denise Foot            | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Remy Coloma            | North Pole, US   | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                 | Location       | Date       |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|
| Elizabeth Hursh      | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Lonnie Nickols       | laingsburg, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Jennifer Metz        | Loveland, CO   | 2019-09-05 |
| Kyla Durham          | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Kyle Nailling        | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Malissa Legleiter    | North pole, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Sarah Larrabee       | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Nichole Nickols      | North Pole, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Carin Knupp          | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-05 |
| Adam Gillette        | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Monica Olson         | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Donna M              | Dallas, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Amanda Reimann       | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Brian Chacho         | North Pole, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Christopher Houlette | Rhineland, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Sue Entsminger       | Tok, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Christi Eickholt     | US             | 2019-09-05 |
| Keith Beaver         | Newport, PA    | 2019-09-05 |
| Georges Verhoeven    | Mons, Belgium  | 2019-09-05 |
| Russell Smith        | Peyton, CO     | 2019-09-05 |
| Michael Whalen       | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Gail Tilton          | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                  | Location         | Date       |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Christopher Fallen    | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Emily Quick           | Portland, OR     | 2019-09-05 |
| Courtney Miklos       | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Mike Bidwell          | North Pole, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Della Severtson       | Springfield, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Cindy Jansen          | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Rhonda Wages          | Redding, CA      | 2019-09-05 |
| Kat Betters           | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Robert Green          | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Vickie Walsh          | Portland, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Margaret Ungrodt      | North Pole, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Mark Gauthier         | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Kristin Timm          | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| David Jones           | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Robin Patterson       | Antelope, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Adam Kapp             | West Chester, US | 2019-09-05 |
| carol martin          | goldendale, WA   | 2019-09-05 |
| Mike Ahiers           | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| mary clare andrews    | FAIRBANKS, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Lynn Gillitzer-Grover | North Pole, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Renee Everhart        | Wasilla, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| Maeve Johnson         | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-05 |

| Name              | Location       | Date       |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| Ben Macmurray     | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Candy Rydlinski   | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-05 |
| Jeremy Loyer      | Boise, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Caroline Brown    | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Amy Ingram        | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Tara DeVaughn     | US             | 2019-09-05 |
| Daniel Clark      | North Pole, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Jennifer Stiner   | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Nicky Eiseman     | Ester, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Heather Guess     | El Paso, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Mariam Hill       | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Jessica MacCallum | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Pam Gum           | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Kathy Stone       | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Frances Law       | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Jonathan Huff     | Fairbanjs, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Frances Johnson   | North Pole, US | 2019-09-05 |
| James Brown       | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Adam Rowe         | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Jessica Morberg   | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Sean King         | North Pole, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Naomi Johnson     | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |

| Name               | Location            | Date       |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Annie Gomulak      | Soldotna, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Megan Rogers       | Chelsea, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Eric Sanchez       | El Paso, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Ryan Phillips      | Minneapolis, MN     | 2019-09-05 |
| Tessa Knowlton     | Roseburg, OR        | 2019-09-05 |
| John Frey          | Wasilla, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Kristina Roehrig   | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| Mercedes Anderson  | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Brandy Thompson    | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| James Hoogenhous   | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| Robin Kantrowitz   | Hillsdale, NJ       | 2019-09-05 |
| Sheila Pino        | North Pole, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Stephanie Sweet    | Columbus, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Suzy Coronel       | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Georganne Hampton  | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Quinton Smith      | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Bryn King          | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| Wendy Cloyd        | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Lindsey Helfrich   | Fort Wainwright, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Danielle Blanchard | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| Terra Preslan      | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Samantha Goodman   | Eielson AFB, AK     | 2019-09-05 |

| Name               | Location            | Date       |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Bridget Loudon     | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Monica Becker      | Seattle, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Javier Villasenor  | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Mary Ann Blanchard | Kailua-Kona, HI     | 2019-09-05 |
| Jennifer Youngberg | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Melissa Osborn     | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Jason Tauriainen   | Nikiski, AK         | 2019-09-05 |
| Mary lou Borden    | North Pole, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Bernard Durkee     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| Gary Peters        | Talkeetna, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Pamela Hansen      | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Austin Grossman    | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| dragos vas         | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| Jamie Potter       | Minneapolis, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Moira O'Malley     | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Susan Malen        | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| KK Ross            | US                  | 2019-09-05 |
| george bennett     | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| Leonard Bogutskie  | Fort Wainwright, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Melanie Flamme     | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Jennifer Manns     | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Sean Fenderson     | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-05 |



| Name                 | Location       | Date       |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|
| Kevin Carroll        | Kenai, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Jennifer Hrobak      | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Rebekah Speck        | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-05 |
| Regina Pierce        | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Steve Behnke         | Juneau, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Jesus Christ         | US             | 2019-09-05 |
| Scott Armbruster     | Alabama        | 2019-09-05 |
| Storm Heames         | Kasilof, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Ashley Christenson   | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Deborah Bayer        | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Jenn Matz            | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Mary Lind            | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Raquel Dove          | Bettles, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Patsy Slater         | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Gwenn Jester-Haslett | Anchorage, AL  | 2019-09-05 |
| Sarah Chappell       | Soldotna, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Jennifer Casillo     | Willow, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Alison Hayden        | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Austin Boatwright    | North pile, AK | 2019-09-05 |
| Fallon Lind          | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Liann Peryea         | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Anya Toelle          | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                | Location            | Date       |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Diana Wildland      | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Julie Esdale        | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| Bree Lind           | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Wendy Berg          | Ester, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Rachel Edson        | North Pole, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Lisa Comstock       | Wasilla, AK         | 2019-09-05 |
| Trinity Marrapodi   | North Pole, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Cara Hoggard        | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| Kate Liddle Broberg | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Curtis Harper       | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Shannon jakabosky   | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Benjamin Raevsky    | Wasilla, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Jenny Blanchard     | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Angela Linn         | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Erroll Tibbetts     | Fort Wainwright, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Robert Dennard      | Sitka, AK           | 2019-09-05 |
| Helen Cold          | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Devon Rowe          | Vancouver, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Terri Karpstein     | Silver Springs, NV  | 2019-09-05 |
| Roy Wichers         | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Kelcee Lindquist    | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Dawn DuPree         | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                 | Location              | Date       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Gertrude Toomey      | Wasilla, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Margaret Lind        | Anchorage, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Russell Vogel        | Lagos, Nigeria        | 2019-09-05 |
| Elisabeth Nadin      | Fairbanks, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| mary roach           | Portland, OR          | 2019-09-05 |
| Jeremy Guse          | Anchorage, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Michael Mraz         | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-05 |
| Gayle Neufeld        | Anchorage, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Rose Strauch-Wolf    | Fairbanks, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Lael & Mark Oldmixon | US                    | 2019-09-05 |
| Bear Brown           | Soldotna, US          | 2019-09-05 |
| Larri Spengler       | Juneau, US            | 2019-09-05 |
| Ricky Campbell       | US                    | 2019-09-05 |
| Liz Ortiz            | Anchorage, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Mike Watson          | Eagle River, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Samantha Singleton   | Kenai, US             | 2019-09-05 |
| Jamie Schmitt        | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-05 |
| Abby Dunham          | North Pole, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Elizabeth Talbot     | Fairbanks, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Carol Harrington     | Las Vegas, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Lindsay Minnick      | Harrisonburg, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Brendan McGill       | Bainbridge Island, WA | 2019-09-05 |

| Name               | Location        | Date       |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Alan Skaggs        | Eagle River, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Sandra Oconnor     | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Terrin Korman      | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Dudlee Pense       | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Richard VanderHoek | Anchorage, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Brittany Wesseling | Alaska          | 2019-09-05 |
| Sarah Elder        | North Pole, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Mike Spooner       | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Benjamin Miller    | Soldotna, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Gabriel Layman     | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| WENDY ANDERSON     | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Michelle Zornes    | Temple, TX      | 2019-09-05 |
| Anita Ashbaugh     | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Teresa Davis       | Princeton, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Carla Willetto     | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Paige Morrison     | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Nicole Hayes       | Worcester, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Chris Glover       | Mcdonough, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Christine Swift    | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Paul Price         | Pikesville, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Susan Boyack       | Anchorage, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Andrea Teter       | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                 | Location            | Date       |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Sigrid Houlette      | Westmanland, ME     | 2019-09-05 |
| Bethann Hawley       | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Orazio Petito        | Glen cove, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Brian Evans          | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Stan Koshak          | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Ashley Medina        | US                  | 2019-09-05 |
| Julio Carrello       | Bisbee, US          | 2019-09-05 |
| Clifford Terpenning  | Fort Wainwright, AK | 2019-09-05 |
| Joshua Bew           | Halethorpe, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Heather Best         | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Derek Stutz          | Minneapolis, MN     | 2019-09-05 |
| Rebecca Bellile      | Oshkosh, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Jacqueline Eldredge  | Hesperia, CA        | 2019-09-05 |
| Luke Clement         | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Clifford Hilpert     | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Tracy Brand          | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| Dannielle Harrington | Las Vegas, NV       | 2019-09-05 |
| Brad Snow            | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| `Jim Glondo          | Tallahassee, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Tyler Blackwell      | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Thomas Faulkenberry  | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Kate Burger          | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                 | Location        | Date       |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Joanna Fox           | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Kristi Southall      | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Arnett McNally       | Toledo, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| John Bishop          | Wasilla, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Megan Behnke         | Juneau, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| Rodney Guritz        | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Ed Poirer            | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Gloria Bradbury      | Buckley, WA     | 2019-09-05 |
| Christina Michelsohn | Anchorage, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Melissa Vittetoe     | Tuscaloosa, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Gabrielle Chomskis   | Anchorage, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Jennefer Hansen      | North Pole, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Susan Cross          | Index, WA       | 2019-09-05 |
| Stefanie Donahue     | Salcha, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Marina Day           | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Diane O'Brien        | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Chris Cooper         | North Pole, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Jose Hernandez       | Soldotna, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Dorothy Underwood    | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Tracey Finney        | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Dana Platta          | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Linda Grinde         | Eagle River, US | 2019-09-05 |

| Name             | Location             | Date       |
|------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Alana Frazier    | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Anna Brackney    | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Nancy Tarnai     | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Pam Borland      | Homer, US            | 2019-09-05 |
| Merry Manning    | Lake Havasu City, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Laurel Holmes    | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Scott Seibert    | Anchorage, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Breanna Whisman  | Wildomar, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Paige Gibson     | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Melinda Davis    | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| susan brooks     | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Amy DeLesline    | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Kathie Rost      | Stephenville, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Steven Andersen  | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Kathy Hodges     | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Glenn Blackwell  | Juneau, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Linda File       | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| SONDRA BLACKWELL | juneau, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Anna Ambrose     | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Chris DuBois     | Fairbnks, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Nico Ambrose     | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Sally Terch      | North pole, US       | 2019-09-05 |

| Name               | Location          | Date       |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Amanda Bent        | fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Timothy Biggane    | Salcha, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Tia Spade          | Eagle river, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Diana Pitts        | Palmer, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Jean Mann          | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Kati Reed          | North Pole, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| James Parr         | Anchorage, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| ann lovejoy        | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| David Rich         | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Sezen Gerow-Hanson | Anchorage, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Tony Lind          | Anchorage, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Pamela Iverson     | anchorage, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Annaliese Thurneau | Tok, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Shannon Wileman    | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Michael McGraw     | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Ryan Kofoid        | Anchorage, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Chasity Noel       | Anchorage, AK, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Taylor Johnson     | Anchorage, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Adam Kaluba        | Cincinnati, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Gretchen Garcia    | Konstanz, Germany | 2019-09-05 |
| Jim MacKenzie      | Anchorage, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Brittni Talbert    | Anchorage, US     | 2019-09-05 |



| Name               | Location             | Date       |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Joseph Riley       | Valdez, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Merrideth McNamara | Girdwood, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Melissa Knechtel   | Pittsburgh, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Margaret Tuoyy     | Dimondale, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Robyn Davies       | North pole, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Bereniz Blackwell  | Juneau, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Gita Shenoy        | India                | 2019-09-05 |
| Michele Leedom     | Fairbanks, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Aleta Wolckenhaar  | Boston, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Janice Caulfield   | Juneau, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Lea Ann Harper     | Texas                | 2019-09-05 |
| Rhonda Crabill     | Skagway, US          | 2019-09-05 |
| Margo Waring       | Anchorage, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Georgia Kubic      | Anchorage, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| David Paeth        | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Danielle Myles     | Anchorage, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Wendy Otness       | Bemidji, US          | 2019-09-05 |
| Tony Wood          | US                   | 2019-09-05 |
| Neal Gregory       | North Pole, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Richard Martin     | Anchorage, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Julie Smyth        | Renton, US           | 2019-09-05 |
| Susan Aikens       | Near Kavik River, US | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                 | Location           | Date       |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Robert Moore         | Wasilla, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| LJ Evans             | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Tim Hatfield         | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Corey Ambrose        | Anchorage, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Adele Landroche      | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| Theresa Bratten      | North pole, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Jessica Anderson     | Anchorage, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Lauren Sill          | Juneau, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Sarah Waldron        | Delta Junction, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Daniel Heckman       | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Kim Williams         | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Jason Hamlett        | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| David Arieno         | Chugiak, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Madeline Kelleyhouse | Tok, US            | 2019-09-05 |
| David Greiner        | Anchorage, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Lena Walker          | Seattle, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Monique Musick       | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Kevin Jarose         | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| Arthur Peterson      | Juneau, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| Brook Stansel        | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Sarah Sims           | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Megan Christy        | Anchorage, US      | 2019-09-05 |

| Name              | Location         | Date       |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Bonnie Moore      | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Tylan Martin      | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Stacey Grohol     | Eagle River, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Teri Strandberg   | Tomahawk, WI     | 2019-09-05 |
| Cheryl Singleton  | Springfield, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Totila Lauterwald | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Richard VanHatten | Kenai, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Ezra Gibson       | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Annette Stelling  | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Roichard Poquette | Soldotna, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Kinue Rauch       | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Sara Sandbo       | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Mary Graudon      | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Benjamin Hankins  | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Tammy Williams    | North Pole, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Grace Petersen    | Juneau, US       | 2019-09-05 |
| Roger Nilsson     | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Sierra Brown      | Laguna Hills, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Jean McDermott    | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| David Krafft      | Florissant, MO   | 2019-09-05 |
| Erin Christian    | North Pole, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| ELIZABETH TRINE   | Fairbanks, US    | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                                    | Location        | Date       |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Callie Polazkowj                        | Soldotnq, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| helenjjohne@yahoo.com<br>rebecca aitken | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Shawna Cuellar                          | Vancouver, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Lisa Denison                            | North Pole, US  | 2019-09-05 |
| Khyler Watson                           | Charlotte, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Dean Fullerton                          | Austin, US      | 2019-09-05 |
| Ali Arledge                             | Vancouver, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| william tingstad                        | soldotna, US    | 2019-09-05 |
| Dawn Cowan                              | Wasilla, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Kimberly Bezdek                         | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| terri olsen                             | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Judy Luebeck                            | Missoula, MT    | 2019-09-05 |
| Deanna Eifling                          | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Andrew Evanger                          | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Nicole Jacobs                           | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Sara Stewart                            | US              | 2019-09-05 |
| Kenneth Groves                          | Tucson, AZ      | 2019-09-05 |
| Susan Reed                              | Palmer, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| Michael Telson                          | Hollywood, FL   | 2019-09-05 |
| India Brinkerhoff                       | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Tom Gregory                             | Bentonville, AR | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                | Location          | Date       |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Ashley Blom         | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Jim Dixon           | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Karla Hart          | Juneau, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Kathleen Jensen     | Seattle, WA       | 2019-09-05 |
| Bob Gengler         | Eagle River, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Chad Curtis         | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| ELIZABETH JOHNSTON  | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Brendon Schmuecker  | Perry, US         | 2019-09-05 |
| andrea horn         | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Rugved Deshmukh     | Dallas, US        | 2019-09-05 |
| Theresa Slaven      | Wasilla, AK       | 2019-09-05 |
| Josh Savage         | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| JOHN RITTER         | Juneau, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Erica Carroll       | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Lara Hall           | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Mary Ellen Torrence | Woodland Park, CO | 2019-09-05 |
| Cody Webb           | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-05 |
| Howard Wilkinson    | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Carrie Martyn       | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-05 |
| Hannah Hill         | Anchorage, US     | 2019-09-05 |
| Sean Cullen         | kodiak, AK        | 2019-09-05 |
| Nicholas Miller     | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-05 |

| Name                 | Location        | Date       |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Jessica Harper       | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Jayne Deckwitz       | Winchester, VA  | 2019-09-05 |
| Jonathan Eisenmayer  | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| J. Travis Miller     | Juneau, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| Stephanie Rivet      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Sara Wolman          | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Kathy Voight         | Hortonville, US | 2019-09-05 |
| Isaac Jackson        | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Jessica Weikert      | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Joanne Coppola       | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Nancy Vettel         | Wellington, OH  | 2019-09-05 |
| Janet Ahern          | Riverside, CA   | 2019-09-05 |
| Saralynn Ackerman    | Tacoma, AK      | 2019-09-05 |
| Sheena Stricker      | Idaho Falls, ID | 2019-09-05 |
| Andrea Fish          | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Rebecca Cummings     | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Camille Hatley       | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-05 |
| Trey Watson          | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-05 |
| Raelene Wentz        | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-05 |
| Claire Jensen-German | Palmer, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Nicole perry         | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Daniel Hughes        | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |

| Name                 | Location           | Date       |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Christiana Loomis    | Soldotna, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Chris Thompson       | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| James Cheng          | Juneau, AK         | 2019-09-06 |
| Heather Pacheco      | Cambridge, MA      | 2019-09-06 |
| Christine Wachmann   | Eagle river, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Angela Sakalaskas    | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Colton Foltz         | Fredericktown, OH  | 2019-09-06 |
| Annette Hanson       | Wasilla, AK        | 2019-09-06 |
| Marc Zadra           | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Christopher Chambers | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Douglas Toelle       | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Steven Morrow        | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Cynthia Montgomery   | Chugiak, AK        | 2019-09-06 |
| Rothaanne Lindberg   | Gig Harbor, WA     | 2019-09-06 |
| Samara Berg          | Portland, US       | 2019-09-06 |
| Cynthia Male         | Hampstead, NC      | 2019-09-06 |
| Victorian Wells      | US                 | 2019-09-06 |
| Kenlie Thomas        | bunnlevel, US      | 2019-09-06 |
| Abbie Preslan        | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Lane Quick           | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-06 |
| Lisa Hedman          | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Jenna Jones          | East Liverpool, US | 2019-09-06 |

| Name               | Location            | Date       |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Brittany Van Eck   | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Gordon Williams    | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Medvedeva Maria    | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Greg Wyman         | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Marci Graham       | Girdwood, AK        | 2019-09-06 |
| Tom Brice          | juneau, AK          | 2019-09-06 |
| THOMAS MCGUIRE     | Haines, AK          | 2019-09-06 |
| Jake Underhill     | Las Vegas, NV       | 2019-09-06 |
| Hannah Hartley     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| samantha rodriguez | Jurupa Valley, US   | 2019-09-06 |
| Rachelle Maillard  | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Ben Conroy         | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Heather Port       | Fort Wainwright, AK | 2019-09-06 |
| Sandra Magar-Speed | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Lance Ostnes       | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Eric Hanson        | Sitka, AK           | 2019-09-06 |
| robert holton      | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Sarah OLeary       | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Leslie Kitchin     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Rebecca Holmberg   | Carrollton, TX      | 2019-09-06 |
| Heather Jacobs     | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Susan Lundgren     | Athens, Greece      | 2019-09-06 |



| Name                   | Location       | Date       |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Peter Van Flein        | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Clinton Hansen         | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-06 |
| Liisa Luick            | Greenbank, WA  | 2019-09-06 |
| Valeriya Quinn         | Ukraine        | 2019-09-06 |
| Jaranda Splechter      | North Pole, US | 2019-09-06 |
| Leah Williams          | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Melissa Dinsmore       | Sitka, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Connie Browder         | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-06 |
| Sandra Millhouse       | Wasilla, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Jessica Johnson        | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Jill Valerius          | Palmer, AK     | 2019-09-06 |
| Alexis Rhynard         | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Andrea Sitton          | Tok, AK        | 2019-09-06 |
| Hillary Palmer         | Palmer, AK     | 2019-09-06 |
| Brittany Vancil        | US             | 2019-09-06 |
| Deborah Vandruff       | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Milissa Ackels stowell | Two rivers, AK | 2019-09-06 |
| amy gallaway           | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Natasha Ruppert        | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Rachel Berthiaume      | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| LeAnne Hedrick         | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| L Tilman               | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-06 |

| Name               | Location        | Date       |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Amy Riggan         | Wasilla, AK     | 2019-09-06 |
| Joanna Majeski     | Sitka, AK       | 2019-09-06 |
| Dawn Hammons       | Palmer, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Andrea Garrod      | Wasilla, AK     | 2019-09-06 |
| Cathleen Doyle     | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Jeanie Szidloski   | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Melanie Lindholm   | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Allison Curry      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Matt Wilken        | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Keiko Herrick      | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-06 |
| Kate Swenson       | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-06 |
| Jane Atkinson      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Anya Goropashnaya  | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Jeremy Vancil      | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Clarissa Brewer    | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Annie Birks        | Index, WA       | 2019-09-06 |
| Tara Parker        | Girdwood, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Karin Odegard      | Virginia        | 2019-09-06 |
| Margit Jensen-Cook | Eagle River, AK | 2019-09-06 |
| Julie Doll         | Salcha, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Shelli Bertrand    | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Jeannine burnett   | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |

| Name                | Location        | Date       |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Henry Eshleman      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Jerry Grower        | Wasilla, AK     | 2019-09-06 |
| Huntersheree Mccoun | Great Falls, US | 2019-09-06 |
| cora Hamilton       | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Amy Cameron         | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Hannah Wagar        | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| joy gesin           | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Linda Marmonfox     | Ninichik, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Sarah Saarloos      | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Brandon Bosch       | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Katie Brown         | Goldsboro, NC   | 2019-09-06 |
| Jackson Wallace     | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Ali Knabe           | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| william ahrens      | Eagle River, AK | 2019-09-06 |
| Joshua SPlechter    | North Pole, US  | 2019-09-06 |
| Angela Wilks        | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Amanda McDonald     | Eagle River, AK | 2019-09-06 |
| Luke Greenfield     | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Randi Carnahan      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Devante Owens       | Fairbanks, US   | 2019-09-06 |
| Deborah Gonzalez    | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Mckinley Ostanik    | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-06 |

| Name              | Location         | Date       |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Kalil Obeid       | Philadelphia, US | 2019-09-06 |
| Taylor Tharp      | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Andrew Frazier    | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Jada Lentz        | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Eric LaMesjerant  | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Cliff Sandbo      | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-06 |
| Diana Clouser     | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Craig McCaa       | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Leah Werner       | Wasilla, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Dane Filemyr      | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Sara Kamahele     | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Shirl Pagano      | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Meredith Autrey   | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Ellen Mitchell    | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Jake Poole        | Tucson, AZ       | 2019-09-06 |
| Leslie Groeneveld | Denver, US       | 2019-09-06 |
| Tamara Axelsson   | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Terri Fischer     | Milwaukee, WI    | 2019-09-06 |
| Nathaniel Barnett | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| John Lubben       | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Gale Barnett      | Wasilla, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Maureen Howard    | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-06 |

| Name                                               | Location       | Date       |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Mark Beals                                         | Seward, AK     | 2019-09-06 |
| Kristan Fisher                                     | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Colleen Sullivan                                   | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Paul Adasiak                                       | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Michael Desanno                                    | Homer, AK      | 2019-09-06 |
| Rhonda Reedy                                       | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Darlene Hatfield                                   | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Aaron Jones                                        | Cibolo, TX     | 2019-09-06 |
| Barbara Pierson                                    | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Megan Huerd                                        | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Susan Grant                                        | North pole, AK | 2019-09-06 |
| Molly Tedesche                                     | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Miguel A Imbert Rosario<br>Miguel A Imbert Rosario | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Esther R Wilkerson                                 | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Elizabeth Schok                                    | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Susan Wilken                                       | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Rosalee C.                                         | Alaska         | 2019-09-06 |
| Dan Hatfield                                       | Dayton, OH     | 2019-09-06 |
| Crystal Stordahl                                   | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |
| Rebecca McLaughlin                                 | Wasilla, AK    | 2019-09-06 |
| Jason Schoening                                    | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-06 |

| Name             | Location          | Date       |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Robin Johnson    | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-06 |
| Hannah Lange     | Mount Horeb, WI   | 2019-09-06 |
| Beverly Higdon   | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-06 |
| Grace Thornton   | Gig Harbor, WA    | 2019-09-06 |
| David Herman     | Norton Shores, US | 2019-09-06 |
| Brian Stevens    | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-07 |
| Diane M Hebety   | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-07 |
| Nancy Stangler   | Rochester, MN     | 2019-09-07 |
| Sonia Montemayor | Houston, US       | 2019-09-07 |
| Karina Huffaker  | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-07 |
| Genna Hoover     | Salcha, AK        | 2019-09-07 |
| Eric Schwalber   | Girdwood, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Danielle Flynn   | Billerica, US     | 2019-09-07 |
| Justin Wise      | Rockford, US      | 2019-09-07 |
| Kellie Fritze    | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-07 |
| Ann BIDDLE       | Palmer, US        | 2019-09-07 |
| dat boi          | Madison, US       | 2019-09-07 |
| lisa wawrzonek   | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-07 |
| Andrew Aleksich  | Washington        | 2019-09-07 |
| Bill Iverson     | Soldotna, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Mary Fuesting    | Willow, AK        | 2019-09-07 |
| Lisa Garriott    | Tok, AK           | 2019-09-07 |

| Name              | Location         | Date       |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Erika Van Flein   | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-07 |
| John Brancato     | Mattawan, US     | 2019-09-07 |
| Pam Gingue        | Tok, AK          | 2019-09-07 |
| Janie Wood        | North pole, AK   | 2019-09-07 |
| kyle wood         | North pole, AK   | 2019-09-07 |
| Shakira Greene    | Merrillville, US | 2019-09-07 |
| Kathryn Ramsey    | Salcha, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Marlys Schneider  | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-07 |
| Levi Griffith     | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-07 |
| Daniel LaRoe      | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-07 |
| Kipp Wilkinson    | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-07 |
| Kelley Clouser    | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-07 |
| Sarah McGowan     | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-07 |
| Joyce Lupro       | Juneau, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Frank Abreu       | Ewa Beach, US    | 2019-09-07 |
| Marcia Luick      | Carthage, ME     | 2019-09-07 |
| olivier bioteau   | San Diego, US    | 2019-09-07 |
| Christina Sanders | Saint Louis, US  | 2019-09-07 |
| Johnnie Mae James | Hyattsville, US  | 2019-09-07 |
| Alicia Herning    | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-07 |
| Makoto Naegi      | Tacoma, US       | 2019-09-07 |
| Luke Rohrig       | Burlington, US   | 2019-09-07 |

| Name                 | Location           | Date       |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Pamela Monroe        | Lexington, US      | 2019-09-07 |
| Linda Wahto          | Juneau, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Barbar Hayward       | Redding, CA        | 2019-09-07 |
| Lisa Maestas         | Odessa, US         | 2019-09-07 |
| Chucky Humphries     | Indiana, US        | 2019-09-07 |
| Barbara Nielsen      | Bothell, WA        | 2019-09-07 |
| Greg Lamecker        | Watertown, NY      | 2019-09-07 |
| Myiia Wahto          | Juneau, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Kat Copeland         | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-07 |
| Nathaniel King       | Palmer, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Brittney Bryant      | Corpus Christi, US | 2019-09-07 |
| Andrea Sitzmann      | Le Mars, US        | 2019-09-07 |
| Fred Lewelling       | Conroe, US         | 2019-09-07 |
| Catherine Strickland | Sitka, AK          | 2019-09-07 |
| Greg Fritze          | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-07 |
| Thomas Leslie        | Johnstown, US      | 2019-09-07 |
| Megan Heyn           | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Karl Schmidt         | Kenai, AK          | 2019-09-07 |
| caleb livingston     | Unalaska, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Max Soria            | Raleigh, US        | 2019-09-07 |
| Alexis Farmer        | Charleston, US     | 2019-09-07 |
| Lauren Smith         | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-07 |



| Name                | Location              | Date       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Fidel Carranza      | Weslaco, US           | 2019-09-07 |
| Johanna Smith       | Juneau, AK            | 2019-09-07 |
| Karmen Shoemaker    | Seattle, WA           | 2019-09-07 |
| Kasey Watts         | Tempe, AZ             | 2019-09-07 |
| Marisa Foster       | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Mark Edgren         | Winchester, US        | 2019-09-07 |
| Carrie Aronson      | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Kathryn Incarnato   | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Emily Withrow       | Missoula, MT          | 2019-09-07 |
| Christine Timm      | Alabama               | 2019-09-07 |
| Jean-Pierre Lee     | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Harrison Alger      | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Christa Gackstetter | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Joyce Davis         | Daytona Beach, FL     | 2019-09-07 |
| Jeffrey Peterson    | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| John Henry          | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Pamela Bosch        | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Nona Debenham       | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Marguerite bishop   | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Caitlyn Cain        | San Antonio, US       | 2019-09-07 |
| Michael Klopfer     | Eagle River, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Thomas Hudman       | North little rock, US | 2019-09-07 |

| Name              | Location            | Date       |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Melody Warner     | Edmond, US          | 2019-09-07 |
| Jeremiah Marok    | Moses Lake, WA      | 2019-09-07 |
| Margaret Burns    | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Susan Bear        | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Gareth Bosch      | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Leslie Holzman    | Juneau, AK          | 2019-09-07 |
| Meghan Swarts     | Wasilla, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Wade Kleven       | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| James Schneider   | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Josh Morehouse    | Anchorage, US       | 2019-09-07 |
| Abigail Arima     | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Daniel Bosch      | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Brenda Mahlatini  | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Manda Schwerin    | South Lyon, US      | 2019-09-07 |
| Rupal Hess        | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Karen Bussa       | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Rhiannon Carrillo | Aurora, CO          | 2019-09-07 |
| Philip Obermarck  | Phoenix, AZ         | 2019-09-07 |
| Jeri Wigdahl      | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Tana Hart         | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-07 |
| Kayla Hughes      | Amarillo, US        | 2019-09-07 |
| Laura Barrows     | Fort Wainwright, AK | 2019-09-07 |

| Name              | Location           | Date       |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Ashley Wheeler    | Wernersville, US   | 2019-09-07 |
| Carolyn Jochens   | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Christine Kidder  | Murrells Inlet, SC | 2019-09-07 |
| Karen Ouellette   | Wasilla, AK        | 2019-09-07 |
| Nicolette Peters  | Anna, US           | 2019-09-07 |
| Jeannie Smith     | Juneau, AK         | 2019-09-07 |
| Ashley Rexrode    | US                 | 2019-09-07 |
| Suzanne Richards  | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Linda Edwards     | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Gary Bailey       | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Nancy Ulz- Oregel | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Tracia Craig      | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Barbara Allen     | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-07 |
| Ally Towse        | Kennewick, WA      | 2019-09-08 |
| Janet Speed       | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-08 |
| Lisa Perkins      | Juneau, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| Mary Ryall        | Juneau, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| Tim Conover       | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-08 |
| Nick Machak       | Appleton, US       | 2019-09-08 |
| Patrick Levy      | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-08 |
| Betty Ross        | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-08 |
| Daniel Tanner     | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-08 |

| Name                 | Location         | Date       |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Melissa Lokker       | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-08 |
| Lucy Merrell         | Juneau, AK       | 2019-09-08 |
| Theresa Alles        | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-08 |
| Jaime Santeler       | US               | 2019-09-08 |
| jan woodruff         | Eagle, AK        | 2019-09-08 |
| Kathryn Maki         | Duluth, MN       | 2019-09-08 |
| Karen Ferguson       | Williamsburg, VA | 2019-09-08 |
| Nicci Kimberly       | Sterling, AK     | 2019-09-08 |
| Mae Beth Williams    | Selma, OR        | 2019-09-08 |
| Patricia Schmidt     | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-08 |
| Brian Murphy         | Wasilla, AK      | 2019-09-08 |
| Benjamin Prinzivalli | Poughkeepsie, US | 2019-09-08 |
| Renee Dodge          | Scottsdale, AZ   | 2019-09-08 |
| Deborah Collins      | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-08 |
| Brandie Landrum      | Liberty Hill, US | 2019-09-08 |
| Donna Kleppin        | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-08 |
| Brea Darnell         | Eagle River, AK  | 2019-09-08 |
| Manx Quayle          | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-08 |
| Victoria Rasmussen   | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-08 |
| Emily Aurand         | Durand, US       | 2019-09-08 |
| Sarah Bosch          | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-08 |
| Becky grunder        | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-08 |

| Name              | Location                         | Date       |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| William Witmer    | Fairbanks, AK                    | 2019-09-08 |
| Paul Langley      | Valdez, AK                       | 2019-09-08 |
| Cheyenna Kuplack  | North Pole, AK                   | 2019-09-08 |
| Keke Conn         | 10375 Worthington Hills Mnr., US | 2019-09-08 |
| Randall Compton   | Fairbanks, AK                    | 2019-09-08 |
| Nate Jaeger       | US                               | 2019-09-08 |
| Raymond Bonnell   | FAIRBANKS, AK                    | 2019-09-08 |
| Caroline Potasz   | Anchorage, AK                    | 2019-09-08 |
| Elizabeth Hunter  | Wasilla, AK                      | 2019-09-08 |
| Tim Swatman       | Fairbanks, AK                    | 2019-09-08 |
| Allysa Burnside   | Batavia, US                      | 2019-09-08 |
| BILL WHELDEN      | Bridgewater, US                  | 2019-09-08 |
| Alyssa Varcally   | New Baltimore, US                | 2019-09-08 |
| Janice Kimberly   | Salcha, AK                       | 2019-09-08 |
| Cheri wilson      | Columbus, US                     | 2019-09-08 |
| Lisa Currie       | Fairbanks, AK                    | 2019-09-08 |
| Veronica Plumb    | Fairbanks, AK                    | 2019-09-08 |
| Ecaterina Dragnev | Chisinau, Moldova                | 2019-09-08 |
| Jeffery Latimer   | Salem, OR                        | 2019-09-08 |
| Terry Shattuck    | Westbrook, ME                    | 2019-09-08 |
| Lucy Lego         | Franklin, US                     | 2019-09-08 |
| Sarah Reed        | Eugene, US                       | 2019-09-08 |

| Name               | Location              | Date       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Katherine Olmstead | Dryden, NY            | 2019-09-08 |
| Em King            | Nashua, US            | 2019-09-08 |
| Neal Sharra        | Candler, NC           | 2019-09-08 |
| Scott Kranenburg   | Tok, AK               | 2019-09-08 |
| Ryan Kim           | Auburn, US            | 2019-09-08 |
| Katie Otto         | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| Laurie Montano     | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| Pierce Schwalb     | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| kristine byrd      | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| Pam Race           | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| Morgan Milanowski  | Colorado Springs, CO  | 2019-09-08 |
| David Searle jr    | Croydon, US           | 2019-09-08 |
| Debbie Chenault    | Arlington Heights, IL | 2019-09-08 |
| Tom Sayles         | US                    | 2019-09-08 |
| Joe Pascoe         | fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| Marissa Cullen     | Grand Rapids, US      | 2019-09-08 |
| Michelle Fuller    | DesMoines, WA         | 2019-09-08 |
| Thomas Vania       | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| Nelson Alger       | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| Wesley Wilber      | Wasilla, AK           | 2019-09-08 |
| Ferd Laux          | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-08 |
| Jessica Roy        | Wasilla, US           | 2019-09-08 |

| Name               | Location             | Date       |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Heather Kraetsch   | Seabeck, WA          | 2019-09-08 |
| Marni Campione     | Tinley Park, US      | 2019-09-08 |
| Maggie Wallace     | Eagle River, AK      | 2019-09-08 |
| vickie Holloway    | Clarksville, TN      | 2019-09-08 |
| Daniel Fuller      | Des Moines, WA       | 2019-09-08 |
| Sarah Roth         | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-08 |
| Caleb Newville     | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-08 |
| Matthew Christman  | Chugiak, AK          | 2019-09-08 |
| Kaity Williamson   | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-08 |
| Gina Rivera        | Melbourne, US        | 2019-09-08 |
| Elizabeth Carroll  | Martinsburg, US      | 2019-09-08 |
| Alishia Jones      | Paw Paw, US          | 2019-09-08 |
| David Doig         | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-08 |
| Jennifer Aist      | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-08 |
| Jason Hauth        | Salem, MA            | 2019-09-08 |
| Spencer McIntosh   | Dallas, US           | 2019-09-08 |
| Elizabeth Stickney | Lake Havasu City, AZ | 2019-09-08 |
| RoseMarie Good     | Juneau, AK           | 2019-09-08 |
| Kyle Dilliplaine   | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-08 |
| Nancy Gross        | Mexico, Mexico       | 2019-09-08 |
| Dianora Quinn      | Wasilla, AK          | 2019-09-08 |
| Kennedy Stone      | Raeford, US          | 2019-09-08 |

| Name             | Location         | Date       |
|------------------|------------------|------------|
| John Cooper      | Perryville, US   | 2019-09-08 |
| Alexander Early  | Concord, US      | 2019-09-08 |
| Tom Kent         | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-08 |
| Skylynn Wilson   | Hazel Park, US   | 2019-09-08 |
| gabrielle Ca9    | Tallahassee, US  | 2019-09-09 |
| Chris Karns      | San Clemente, US | 2019-09-09 |
| Mark Byrd        | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Joanna Galvan    | Mercedes, US     | 2019-09-09 |
| Allysa Beam      | Troy, US         | 2019-09-09 |
| Kimberly Lunn    | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| meagan sullivan  | Carrollton, US   | 2019-09-09 |
| Gregory Buchanan | Newland, US      | 2019-09-09 |
| victoria mata    | Monroe, US       | 2019-09-09 |
| Leah Goodstein   | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Trina Byrd       | US               | 2019-09-09 |
| Mason Summers    | Hudson, US       | 2019-09-09 |
| Colleen Park     | Corona, CA       | 2019-09-09 |
| Wendy Edmundson  | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Louis Amundson   | Eagle River, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Stephen Lochner  | Eagle River, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Hannah Ivie      | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Rick Oleniczak   | Eagle River, AK  | 2019-09-09 |



| Name                | Location                      | Date       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Valmore Martinez    | Eagle river, AK               | 2019-09-09 |
| Jessica Mavrd       | Anchorage, AK                 | 2019-09-09 |
| Michelle Johnson    | La Habra, US                  | 2019-09-09 |
| Craig Edmundson     | Anchorage, AK                 | 2019-09-09 |
| Tammy Rader         | Eagle River, AK               | 2019-09-09 |
| CATHARINE COBBS     | Hot Springs National Park, AR | 2019-09-09 |
| Casey Davila        | Anchorage, AK                 | 2019-09-09 |
| Teboho May          | Washington, US                | 2019-09-09 |
| Wanda Bezona        | Anchorage, AK                 | 2019-09-09 |
| Kaitlyn Flannigon   | Rison, US                     | 2019-09-09 |
| Shawn Burke         | Eagle River, AK               | 2019-09-09 |
| Peyton Matthew      | Decatur, US                   | 2019-09-09 |
| Christina Kantarzis | Anchorage, AK                 | 2019-09-09 |
| Mxrcy B             | Bronx, US                     | 2019-09-09 |
| Michael Audette     | Anchorage, AK                 | 2019-09-09 |
| Steven Parson       | Malvern, AR                   | 2019-09-09 |
| Todd Green          | Wasilla, AK                   | 2019-09-09 |
| Pam Grasse          | Eagle river, AK               | 2019-09-09 |
| Sherri Borchert     | Anchorage, AK                 | 2019-09-09 |
| Lou Amundson, Sr.   | Eagle River, AK               | 2019-09-09 |
| Dan Poulson         | Anchorage, AK                 | 2019-09-09 |
| Jonathan Bernard    | Woodstock, US                 | 2019-09-09 |

| Name               | Location           | Date       |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Ronan Simpson      | Spokane, WA        | 2019-09-09 |
| Gloria Waters      | Follansbee, US     | 2019-09-09 |
| Lisa Adams         | Wasilla, AK        | 2019-09-09 |
| Lori Vickery       | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| JON INWOOD         | Brooklyn, NY       | 2019-09-09 |
| Timothy Jacques    | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| India Middleton    | Greenwood, US      | 2019-09-09 |
| Mathew Mushlock    | Davison, MI        | 2019-09-09 |
| Susan Zemke        | Minneapolis, MN    | 2019-09-09 |
| Garrington Barnett | Cedar Hill, US     | 2019-09-09 |
| Shannon Baker      | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Shannon Chace      | Fairbanks, US      | 2019-09-09 |
| Nicole Pasillas    | San Jose, CA       | 2019-09-09 |
| Audrey Burke       | Palmer, AK         | 2019-09-09 |
| Brandon Young      | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Joshua Masuhara    | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Julie Brophy       | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Chuck Lempereur    | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Nicholas Fountain  | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Jazmin Ledezma     | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Molly Wood         | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Erin Catterson     | Delta Junction, AK | 2019-09-09 |

| Name               | Location           | Date       |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Katie Finegan      | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Josiah Marbury     | North pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Katie Wells        | Eielson afb, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Robert Hall        | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Shiloh Bethke      | Delta Junction, AK | 2019-09-09 |
| James Inguagiato   | Chugiak, AK        | 2019-09-09 |
| Bobbi Hamilton     | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Jennifer Reynolds  | Palmer, AK         | 2019-09-09 |
| Nicole McKee       | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Philip Barry       | Odenton, MD        | 2019-09-09 |
| arlene matavoos    | Burbank, US        | 2019-09-09 |
| Greg Lathbury      | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Krista Kelley      | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Catherine Stanley  | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Nathan Zulim       | San Diego, CA      | 2019-09-09 |
| Calvin Baker       | Tulsa, OK          | 2019-09-09 |
| Adrian Miller      | North pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Sarah Malek        | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Tyler Kessler      | Brooklyn, US       | 2019-09-09 |
| Christine Kemper   | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Jessica Krier      | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Courtney Eggleston | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |

| Name             | Location         | Date       |
|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Dannon Jiskrq    | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Nicholas Towler  | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Alex Rodriguez   | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Kayla Messina    | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Sarah Koogle     | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Stephanie Dennis | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-09 |
| Travis Knutson   | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Vance Feavel     | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-09 |
| Julie Simmons    | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Katie May        | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Paula Fleagle    | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Mac McPherson    | Sutton, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Kyle Brothers    | Palmer, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Richelle Plummer | Wasilla, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Erin Dwyer       | Palmer, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Jill Irsik       | Wasilla, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Carol Black      | Wasilla, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Saleemah Brown   | Philadelphia, US | 2019-09-09 |
| Stacy Lanser     | Salcha, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Christen Oen     | Palmer, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Mary Moline      | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Claudia Barclay  | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-09 |

| Name               | Location       | Date       |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| Damon German       | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Christina Badger   | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-09 |
| Scott Berg         | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Rochelle Schall    | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Emily Potter       | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Robert Sommerfeldt | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-09 |
| Matthew Haynes     | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-09 |
| Michael Callahan   | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Deborah Retherford | Palmer, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Alan MacDonald     | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Lindy Nissen       | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Cheryl Eluska      | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Bob Button         | orlando, FL    | 2019-09-09 |
| McKenzie Burgess   | US             | 2019-09-09 |
| Kevin Lefever      | Salcha, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Austin Edson       | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Jack Evans         | Palmer, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Nikki Boozer       | Palmer, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Michelle Mullins   | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Phoenix Williams   | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Mary Music         | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Steve Lamoureux    | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-09 |

| Name                 | Location           | Date       |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Michelle Thomas      | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Peter Bayou          | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Jeanine Griek        | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Houston Snyder       | Palmer, AK         | 2019-09-09 |
| Ralph Eluska jr      | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Tyler Steele         | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Jessica Biggs        | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Michele Trainor      | Delta Junction, AK | 2019-09-09 |
| Michael Garner       | Palmer, AK         | 2019-09-09 |
| Teresa Ballard       | US                 | 2019-09-09 |
| Diana Burgess        | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Vianne Smith         | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Kalie White          | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Lauren France        | Palmer, AK         | 2019-09-09 |
| Jesse Davis          | North Pole, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| shawna pauley        | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Omar Sharif          | Bangladesh         | 2019-09-09 |
| FRANCES MARIN        | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| John Archer-Harvey   | North Adams, US    | 2019-09-09 |
| Ann Gray             | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Michelle Widman      | Greatfalls, MT     | 2019-09-09 |
| Jay Ryan Ballesteros | Honolulu, US       | 2019-09-09 |

| Name              | Location        | Date       |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Rebecca Messina   | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-09 |
| Elizabeth Winther | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-09 |
| Steven Betts      | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Amy Kovacs        | Eielson afb, AK | 2019-09-09 |
| joan guidangen    | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-09 |
| Kay Nissen        | Eielson AFB, AK | 2019-09-09 |
| Theresa Daily     | Chugiak, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Nathan Carey      | US              | 2019-09-09 |
| Kate Goudreau     | Valdez, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Mary Jo Towne     | Wasilla, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Carolyn Meeds     | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-09 |
| elley messina     | US              | 2019-09-09 |
| Dylan Becker      | Allen, US       | 2019-09-09 |
| Lauren Wright     | El Paso, TX     | 2019-09-09 |
| Nicole Baldwin    | Eielson AFB, AK | 2019-09-09 |
| Shelby Gzman      | Guam            | 2019-09-09 |
| Kevin Kinslow     | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Daniel Englehart  | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-09 |
| Laurie Boeck      | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-09 |
| Jason ballek      | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Chris Lindsoe     | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Aaron Majors      | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-09 |

| Name               | Location         | Date       |
|--------------------|------------------|------------|
| jourdan wheeler    | Prescott, US     | 2019-09-09 |
| Nancy Villa        | US               | 2019-09-09 |
| Jessica Richards   | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Tammy Nichols      | Tecumseh, US     | 2019-09-09 |
| Robin Gray         | Chugiak, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Amber Brophy       | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| CHRISTINE WILCOX   | ANCHORAGE, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| paige wolters      | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Shelby Curry       | Eielson afb, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Samantha Belcher   | Troutdale, OR    | 2019-09-09 |
| Heidi McGinnis     | Eielson afb, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| William Febles     | US               | 2019-09-09 |
| Jonathon Rodriguez | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Timothy Smith      | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Kim Edson          | Mount Vernon, WA | 2019-09-09 |
| Amy Milburn        | Kenai, AK        | 2019-09-09 |
| KRISTY CAMPION     | Eielson AFB, AK  | 2019-09-09 |
| Thomas Simpson     | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Scott Stroman      | Anchorage, US    | 2019-09-09 |
| Eric Froelich      | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Allison Long       | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| David Fonger       | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-09 |



| Name             | Location          | Date       |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Dylan Schack     | North pole, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| sylvia larson    | North Pole, AL    | 2019-09-09 |
| Reggie Harrell   | Houston, US       | 2019-09-09 |
| Ashley Withrow   | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Megan Drange     | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Scott Ferguson   | Tucson, AZ        | 2019-09-09 |
| Heith Fithian    | Copper center, AK | 2019-09-09 |
| Heather Willis   | San Jose, CA      | 2019-09-09 |
| Vickie Tallman   | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Jason Pigg       | San Antonio, TX   | 2019-09-09 |
| Kendall Brophy   | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Kathleen Dudek   | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-09 |
| Julianne Wittwer | Kenai, AK         | 2019-09-09 |
| Suzette Bowman   | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Daphnie Haller   | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| amber hoyt       | Beaverton, OR     | 2019-09-09 |
| Leanna Hunter    | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Dee Jones        | Fort Worth, US    | 2019-09-09 |
| Chris Hartman    | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Irene Williams   | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-09 |
| Billy Bob        | Lexington, US     | 2019-09-09 |
| Jeremy Groat     | Kent, WA          | 2019-09-09 |

| Name                 | Location            | Date       |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Brittany Mekiana     | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Laura Lowdermilk     | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Tanisha Streling     | Franklin, US        | 2019-09-09 |
| Chelsea Held         | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Amanda Ramos         | Myrtle Beach, SC    | 2019-09-09 |
| Marchelle Somaduroff | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Lynsy Carrell        | Fort Wainwright, AK | 2019-09-09 |
| Sierra Grimes        | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Gary Wiensch         | Parrish, FL         | 2019-09-09 |
| Gail M Chagnon Tobin | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Sonya Arroyo         | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Kelly Tatum          | Wasilla, AK         | 2019-09-09 |
| Baird Stiefel        | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Michael Wolcott      | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Arianna Chamberlain  | Austin, TX          | 2019-09-09 |
| bj goodluck          | Shiprock, NM        | 2019-09-09 |
| Jackie Godwin        | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-09 |
| Susan Gregg          | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-09 |
| Mary Hamby           | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Joseph Martel        | Kinston, NC         | 2019-09-09 |
| Sara Bren            | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-09 |
| Chelsey Yetman       | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-10 |

| Name               | Location                   | Date       |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Renee Schneider    | Anchorage, US              | 2019-09-10 |
| Seth Peterson      | Eagle River, AK            | 2019-09-10 |
| Heather Muller     | Eielson Air Force Base, AK | 2019-09-10 |
| Kaylen Hall        | Anchorage, AK              | 2019-09-10 |
| Trent Esparza      | Lake Forest, US            | 2019-09-10 |
| Rachel Schack      | North Pole, AK             | 2019-09-10 |
| Darren Montefu     | Fairbanks, AK              | 2019-09-10 |
| Jim Carter         | Eagle river, AK            | 2019-09-10 |
| Danielle Williams  | North pole, AK             | 2019-09-10 |
| Joshua Lester      | Eagle river, AK            | 2019-09-10 |
| Anthony Gilllespie | Sterling Heights, US       | 2019-09-10 |
| Emma Jerome        | Fairbanks, AK              | 2019-09-10 |
| Mya Blazejowski    | Woburn, US                 | 2019-09-10 |
| Britt Cooper       | Palmer, AK                 | 2019-09-10 |
| Todd Edwards       | Cleveland, US              | 2019-09-10 |
| Sean Wulf          | Anchorage, AK              | 2019-09-10 |
| Temujin Ching      | Eagle River, AK            | 2019-09-10 |
| Kristen Vance      | Fairbanks, AK              | 2019-09-10 |
| Bernadette Woods   | Minneapolis, MN            | 2019-09-10 |
| Pamela Lambert     | Fairbanks, AK              | 2019-09-10 |
| Peyton Wulf        | Anchorage, AK              | 2019-09-10 |
| Gregory Meyer      | Ada, OK                    | 2019-09-10 |

| Name             | Location            | Date       |
|------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Curtis Crandall  | US                  | 2019-09-10 |
| Kelsey Hall      | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Tricha Immonen   | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Jonathan Cha     | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Thomas Clausen   | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Robert Nelson    | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Matthew Freedman | Rahway, NJ          | 2019-09-10 |
| Milan Harris     | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Tyler Sikes      | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-10 |
| Chris Robertson  | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Sara Frerich     | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Clinton Miller   | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Joel Borden      | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-10 |
| Jason Rood       | Litchfield Park, AZ | 2019-09-10 |
| Sonya Smith      | Eagle River, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Jessica Wheeler  | Phenix City, US     | 2019-09-10 |
| Julie Luddington | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Allison Abbott   | Schenectady, US     | 2019-09-10 |
| Brandon Stuemke  | Eagle River, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Ronda Schlumbohm | Salcha, AK          | 2019-09-10 |
| Melina Arciniega | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Mindy Marple     | Salcha, AK          | 2019-09-10 |

| Name             | Location       | Date       |
|------------------|----------------|------------|
| David Applebee   | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-10 |
| Sally Devereaux  | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-10 |
| bonnie hill      | Reno, NV       | 2019-09-10 |
| Jeanne Perkins   | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-10 |
| Donna Schopp     | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Kristen Every    | Kenai, AK      | 2019-09-10 |
| crystal shiflett | Fort Meade, US | 2019-09-10 |
| Melinda Kay      | Kasilof, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Margaret Waite   | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-10 |
| Joseph Lomman    | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Bradley Cross    | Kenai, AK      | 2019-09-10 |
| Chris Yelverton  | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Jennifer Downs   | Chugiak, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Brandon King     | Wasilla, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Nathan Fisk      | Oregon         | 2019-09-10 |
| Lacey Rininger   | Kenai, AK      | 2019-09-10 |
| Solange Dixon    | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Beth Lathbury    | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-10 |
| Peter Herbert    | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Aaron Beardsley  | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-10 |
| Brandi Heath     | Soldotna, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Aisha Wilbur     | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-10 |

| Name              | Location        | Date       |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Jessica Hiltunen  | Alabama         | 2019-09-10 |
| Taylor Stokke     | anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Muhammad Tariq    | Illinois, US    | 2019-09-10 |
| Hayden Ross       | Eagle river, AK | 2019-09-10 |
| Shoshoni Butler   | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Scott Black       | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Corey Jensen      | Lewiston, ID    | 2019-09-10 |
| Lee Hecimovich    | Palmer, AK      | 2019-09-10 |
| Emily Duffy       | St. Albans, US  | 2019-09-10 |
| Timothy Anderson  | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Leslie Lance      | Chugiak, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Steven Ladd       | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Erica H           | Kansas City, US | 2019-09-10 |
| Hollie Lauritsen  | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Jennifer May      | Bellevue, WA    | 2019-09-10 |
| Jason Erhard      | Wasilla, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Erin Aklestad     | Palmer, AK      | 2019-09-10 |
| Karen Kirkpatrick | Wasilla, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Katie Saunders    | Eielson AFB, AK | 2019-09-10 |
| Josette Kinslow   | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Nancy stryken     | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Jack Schnack      | US              | 2019-09-10 |

| Name               | Location         | Date       |
|--------------------|------------------|------------|
| Niki Engstrom      | Kenai, AK        | 2019-09-10 |
| Kristi Adams       | Salcha, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Brisn Lee          | Salcha, AK       | 2019-09-10 |
| Harrison Zinsli    | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Lisa Erwin         | Kenai, AK        | 2019-09-10 |
| Brian Pitcher      | Alabama          | 2019-09-10 |
| Lael Henry         | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Nickole Conley     | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Craig Sanders      | Clam Gulch, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Hilary Lockhart    | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Brittany Tappa     | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Jessica Ruis       | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Don Ross           | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Eric Henry         | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| William Kemper     | Boise, ID        | 2019-09-10 |
| Lorena Skonberg    | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| gena powers        | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Tracy Duran        | Soldotna, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Robert Gerondale   | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Jheren Svoboda     | Eagle River, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Georgianne Desai   | Fort Benning, GA | 2019-09-10 |
| Janice Sommerfeldt | Green Bay, WI    | 2019-09-10 |

| Name                     | Location         | Date       |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------|
| D Albert                 | Largo, FL        | 2019-09-10 |
| Ryan Wheeler             | Birmingham, US   | 2019-09-10 |
| Tony Inzerillo Inzerillo | Walnut Creek, CA | 2019-09-10 |
| Stephen Galaz            | Okemos, US       | 2019-09-10 |
| Anthony Hemenway         | Wasilla, AK      | 2019-09-10 |
| Kenneth Tromley          | Warren, US       | 2019-09-10 |
| Joshua Simpson           | Houston, US      | 2019-09-10 |
| Josh Baker               | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Danielle St Laurent      | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Janice Harrison          | Wolcott, US      | 2019-09-10 |
| Denise Thompson          | Kenai, AK        | 2019-09-10 |
| Ty Lyon                  | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| yessenia marquez         | rosenberg, US    | 2019-09-10 |
| Melinda A Jones          | Philadelphia, US | 2019-09-10 |
| John Hunter              | Scottsbluff, US  | 2019-09-10 |
| Dawn Campbell            | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Jill Riddle              | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Cindy Sage               | Buckner, MO      | 2019-09-10 |
| Joe O'Hara               | Saint Louis, US  | 2019-09-10 |
| Krista Canoy             | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-10 |
| Landon Page              | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Keith White              | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-10 |



| Name                            | Location          | Date       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Rick Eggleston                  | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Telissa Thompson                | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Russell Croker                  | Ilford, UK        | 2019-09-10 |
| Kimberly Purkerson              | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Shawn Clark                     | Suncook, US       | 2019-09-10 |
| Angélica Leonor Butron Hinojosa | Mexico, Mexico    | 2019-09-10 |
| Keith Rowan                     | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Christina Blair                 | Juneau, AK        | 2019-09-10 |
| Erik Johnson                    | New Baltimore, US | 2019-09-10 |
| Greg Ulrich                     | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Angelika Kappus                 | Germany           | 2019-09-10 |
| Michael Ingraham                | Eielsonafb, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Jordan McCarter                 | Buffalo, US       | 2019-09-10 |
| Troy Eck                        | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Valerie Baffone                 | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Casey Simpson                   | US                | 2019-09-10 |
| Judy Peterson                   | Fort Collins, CO  | 2019-09-10 |
| Kerry Anderson                  | Lewiston, US      | 2019-09-10 |
| Jen Gahagan                     | APO, AE           | 2019-09-10 |
| Julia Hall                      | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Zack Lockhart                   | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-10 |

| Name                 | Location       | Date       |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|
| Jasmine Chambers     | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-10 |
| Aliyah Ben-Israel    | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Melissa Allender     | Palmer, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Marsha White         | Atlanta, US    | 2019-09-10 |
| Michael Bourdukofsky | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Chris Rude           | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Kaylee Ladd          | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Marc Grober          | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Rachell Peterson     | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Chelsey Smithers     | Oregon, US     | 2019-09-10 |
| Claire Friedenauer   | Fairbanks, US  | 2019-09-10 |
| Shannon Ladd         | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-10 |
| Linda Blowers        | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Kent Troche          | The Colony, US | 2019-09-10 |
| Daniel Gilson        | North Pole, AK | 2019-09-10 |
| Magali Caro          | Anchorage, US  | 2019-09-10 |
| Erin Paliwoda        | Wasilla, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Vicky Nunez          | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Michelle Contreras   | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| SilvIa cruz          | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Ashlyn Wamsley       | Fairbanks, AK  | 2019-09-10 |
| Ken McInally         | Anchorage, AK  | 2019-09-10 |

| Name                  | Location          | Date       |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Annemarie Keep-Barnes | Salcha, AK        | 2019-09-10 |
| dennis bland          | Detroit, US       | 2019-09-10 |
| Anastasija Naskovska  | Macedonia (FYROM) | 2019-09-10 |
| Stephanie Ribbens     | Grandville, US    | 2019-09-10 |
| Amy Aldridge          | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Brittany Woods        | Casper, US        | 2019-09-10 |
| Emily Gorelik         | Paramus, US       | 2019-09-10 |
| Chad Davis            | Westland, US      | 2019-09-10 |
| Claire Nuessmeier     | Milwaukee, US     | 2019-09-10 |
| Lisa Holcomb          | Detroit, MI       | 2019-09-10 |
| Ralph Mongold         | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-10 |
| Kyndall Powers        | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Jose Fernandez        | Bronx, US         | 2019-09-10 |
| Andrea Bearss         | Lapeer, US        | 2019-09-10 |
| Michael Connelly      | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Jack Donahue          | Barrington, US    | 2019-09-10 |
| Jakeb Adkins          | Charleston, US    | 2019-09-10 |
| Makenzie Carroll      | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| David Obermeyer       | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-10 |
| Sebastian Acevedo     | Tempe, US         | 2019-09-10 |
| Danielle Dunworth     | Verona, US        | 2019-09-10 |
| Alex Ede              | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-10 |

| Name             | Location                    | Date       |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Beth Richards    | Fairbanks, US               | 2019-09-10 |
| Will McSwain     | JBER, US                    | 2019-09-10 |
| Kristina Samuel' | Cedar, MN                   | 2019-09-10 |
| Jeremy Broadwell | Colorado Springs, CO        | 2019-09-10 |
| Susan Tetil      | Grand Blanc, MI             | 2019-09-10 |
| Sarah Gehan      | Livonia, US                 | 2019-09-10 |
| Hannah Lain      | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-10 |
| Suzanne Todd     | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-10 |
| Cheri Chartier   | Salem, OR                   | 2019-09-10 |
| Amity Converse   | North Pole, AK              | 2019-09-10 |
| Cherise Fowler   | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-10 |
| Tiffany Walker   | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-10 |
| Christina Ried   | North Pole, AK              | 2019-09-10 |
| Aimee Moss-Agnew | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-10 |
| norleha idris    | Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei | 2019-09-10 |
| Max Tamillo      | Fairbanks, AK               | 2019-09-10 |
| Britney Galvin   | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-10 |
| Allan Kaufman    | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-10 |
| Dannah Bert      | Shawnee, US                 | 2019-09-10 |
| Nanette Moore    | Saint Charles, US           | 2019-09-11 |
| William Lovejoy  | Flint, US                   | 2019-09-11 |
| Manisha Misra    | Fairbanks, AK               | 2019-09-11 |

| Name                         | Location        | Date       |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Mike Peterson                | Solvang, CA     | 2019-09-11 |
| E Jeschke                    | Los Angeles, US | 2019-09-11 |
| Nichole Rehm                 | Eagle River, AK | 2019-09-11 |
| Denis Schweighart            | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-11 |
| Wayne Pence                  | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-11 |
| Joyce Plummer                | Salcha, AK      | 2019-09-11 |
| Dustin Neal                  | Eielson AFB, AK | 2019-09-11 |
| Val Lemaire                  | Monument, CO    | 2019-09-11 |
| Danielle Solsvig             | Palmer, AK      | 2019-09-11 |
| Sam Widmer                   | Katy, TX        | 2019-09-11 |
| Bree Daum                    | Bremerton, US   | 2019-09-11 |
| Audrey Freeman               | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-11 |
| Royce Erickson               | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-11 |
| Marisa Sharrah               | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-11 |
| Julie Benson                 | Fairbanks, AK   | 2019-09-11 |
| Callie Breyer                | Victorville, US | 2019-09-11 |
| Jo-Ann Elliott               | Brooklyn, US    | 2019-09-11 |
| Cameron Poggiolo             | Big Rapids, US  | 2019-09-11 |
| Dianna Gerondale             | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-11 |
| Jacob Cochran                | Ridgeland, US   | 2019-09-11 |
| Melissa Hernandez            | Anchorage, AK   | 2019-09-11 |
| Stephanie Illichmann-Pearson | North Pole, AK  | 2019-09-11 |

| Name                | Location                  | Date       |
|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Bob Jones           | Fairbanks, AK             | 2019-09-11 |
| Tatjana Spaic       | Palmer, AK                | 2019-09-11 |
| Oneda Waddill       | Edmond, US                | 2019-09-11 |
| anna nelson         | Anchorage, AK             | 2019-09-11 |
| Jennifer McLaughlin | Wasilla, AK               | 2019-09-11 |
| Kristopher Smith    | Canada                    | 2019-09-11 |
| Alaina Kemp         | Fairbanks, AK             | 2019-09-11 |
| Allison Greaf       | Knoxville, US             | 2019-09-11 |
| kevin lester        | Frisco, US                | 2019-09-11 |
| Matth Harper        | Anchorage, AK             | 2019-09-11 |
| Alexis Pummer       | Avon, CO                  | 2019-09-11 |
| Ella Ede            | Anchorage, AK             | 2019-09-11 |
| Chris Winters       | West Palm Beach, FL       | 2019-09-11 |
| Danielle Hudzinski  | US                        | 2019-09-11 |
| James Nance         | Mckees rocks, US          | 2019-09-11 |
| Lalia Brehmer       | North Pole, AK            | 2019-09-11 |
| Erin Nicholson      | Copper Center, AK         | 2019-09-11 |
| Kenji Badger        | Anchorage, AK             | 2019-09-11 |
| Teresa Lee          | La Habra, CA              | 2019-09-11 |
| Athena Fulton       | Anchorage, AK             | 2019-09-11 |
| Blake Galvin        | Anchorage, AK             | 2019-09-11 |
| Natasa Stojanoska   | Skopje, Macedonia (FYROM) | 2019-09-11 |

| Name               | Location                    | Date       |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Steven Williams    | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-11 |
| Victoria Dowling   | Fairbanks, AK               | 2019-09-11 |
| Jennifer McCord    | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-11 |
| Kathleen Gray      | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-11 |
| Dilia Pouesi       | Faleniu, American Samoa     | 2019-09-11 |
| Vaidehi Subhash    | India                       | 2019-09-11 |
| Anuar Sham         | Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei | 2019-09-11 |
| Tomo Spaic         | Anchorage, US               | 2019-09-11 |
| Becky McBain       | Anchorage, AK               | 2019-09-11 |
| Aeron Bulaklak     | Cabanatuan, Philippines     | 2019-09-11 |
| Vjollca Hajredini  | Albania                     | 2019-09-11 |
| Beatriz Lagran     | Philippines                 | 2019-09-11 |
| Robert Holcomb     | Detroit, MI                 | 2019-09-11 |
| Endrit R. Haxhiu   | Skenderaj, Albania          | 2019-09-11 |
| Shpend Gosalci     | Albania                     | 2019-09-11 |
| Maximilian Delpino | North Attleborough, US      | 2019-09-11 |
| Veton Ahmetu       | Albania                     | 2019-09-11 |
| Cheska Barrientos  | Philippines                 | 2019-09-11 |
| Fidan Hoxha        | Albania                     | 2019-09-11 |
| Vickie Bevens      | Newport, OR                 | 2019-09-11 |
| Lani Cardenio      | San Francisco, US           | 2019-09-11 |
| Renee Amicks       | Chicago, US                 | 2019-09-11 |

| Name                 | Location              | Date       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| nimon dabiqaj        | Albania               | 2019-09-11 |
| Bruce Roche          | Orchard Park, US      | 2019-09-11 |
| jeton shala          | prishtina, Albania    | 2019-09-11 |
| Dion Jae             | Yigo, Guam            | 2019-09-11 |
| Lhord Anne Becbec    | Barrigada, Guam       | 2019-09-11 |
| Matthew Figueroa     | Austin, TX            | 2019-09-11 |
| Иван Шорохов         | Барнаул, Russia       | 2019-09-11 |
| Gazmend Ukaj         | Prishtine, Albania    | 2019-09-11 |
| keio shintaku        | Yigo, Guam            | 2019-09-11 |
| Kaitlin Bautista     | Guam                  | 2019-09-11 |
| Egzon Haliti         | Albania               | 2019-09-11 |
| Valmir Haziraj       | Albania               | 2019-09-11 |
| Darren Banes         | Hagatna, Guam         | 2019-09-11 |
| Valon Kurtaj         | Albania               | 2019-09-11 |
| Valon Avdiu          | Albania               | 2019-09-11 |
| Lucas Sprague        | Arlington Heights, US | 2019-09-11 |
| vinysha monae sablan | Yigo, Guam            | 2019-09-11 |
| Arbnor Berisha       | Italy                 | 2019-09-11 |
| uran ramosaj         | Albania               | 2019-09-11 |
| Arton Krasniqi       | Albania               | 2019-09-11 |
| Burim Berisha        | prishtina, Albania    | 2019-09-11 |
| Erkan Arapi          | Stockholm, Sweden     | 2019-09-11 |



| Name                | Location           | Date       |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Muhamet Maliqi      | Albania            | 2019-09-11 |
| Iilir Bajgora       | Albania            | 2019-09-11 |
| Khambia Clarkson    | Marshalltown, US   | 2019-09-11 |
| Steve Elenich       | Hancock, US        | 2019-09-11 |
| Big Chungus         | Yelahanka, India   | 2019-09-11 |
| Alice Carlock-Abram | Atlanta, US        | 2019-09-11 |
| Albert Rezniki      | Albania            | 2019-09-11 |
| Marijke Groat       | Maple Grove, MN    | 2019-09-11 |
| Cassandra Pratt     | Minerva, US        | 2019-09-11 |
| Shivani S           | India              | 2019-09-11 |
| Dritan Iberdemaj    | Prishtina, Albania | 2019-09-11 |
| Nick Koch           | Milwaukee, US      | 2019-09-11 |
| Blir Shala          | Albania            | 2019-09-11 |
| Janine Schroeder    | Poulsbo, US        | 2019-09-11 |
| Arton Mehani        | Albania            | 2019-09-11 |
| kalel cox           | New Lenox, US      | 2019-09-11 |
| Conor Deal          | US                 | 2019-09-11 |
| Bill Krenz          | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-11 |
| Darron Bradford     | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-11 |
| Justin Wesselhoft   | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-11 |
| Arber Kycyku        | Prishtina, Albania | 2019-09-11 |
| Dana Strager        | Kent, WA           | 2019-09-11 |

| Name                  | Location          | Date       |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Dana Millard          | Columbus, US      | 2019-09-11 |
| Jeremy Nikkel         | Minneapolis, US   | 2019-09-11 |
| Brenda Bergsrud       | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-11 |
| Shanna Hinds          | Pleasant View, US | 2019-09-11 |
| Kathleen Prentki      | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-11 |
| Morgan Demars         | Salcha, AK        | 2019-09-11 |
| Michaela Teater       | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-11 |
| Lorgen Povataj        | Albania           | 2019-09-11 |
| Jesus Contreras       | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-11 |
| Tanya O'Brien O'Brien | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-11 |
| Malyn Anderson        | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-11 |
| Brien D. Birkmire     | Wilton Manors, US | 2019-09-11 |
| Demokrat Domuzeti     | Dragash, Albania  | 2019-09-11 |
| Hadahra Ben-Israel    | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-11 |
| qendrim kadriu        | Albania           | 2019-09-11 |
| Agon Demelezi         | Serbia            | 2019-09-11 |
| Thomas Redick         | Hamlin, US        | 2019-09-11 |
| Fernanda Mendiola     | Bartow, US        | 2019-09-11 |
| lindsey mons          | newnan, US        | 2019-09-11 |
| arben gashi           | ferizaj, Albania  | 2019-09-11 |
| Jonathan Gates        | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-11 |
| Melinda Byrd          | Bellingham, AK    | 2019-09-11 |

| Name                   | Location          | Date       |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Natalie McCarty        | Roseville, US     | 2019-09-11 |
| Tina Fernau            | Ainsworth, US     | 2019-09-11 |
| Alanna Kramer          | Severna Park, US  | 2019-09-11 |
| Shawn Crane            | US                | 2019-09-11 |
| Sierra Hodgson         | Palmer, AK        | 2019-09-11 |
| Miriah Ogletree        | Wellsville, US    | 2019-09-11 |
| Grace Luna             | Casa Grande, US   | 2019-09-11 |
| Callie Benjamin        | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-11 |
| Kathryn Reynolds       | Salcha, AK        | 2019-09-11 |
| Tiffany Hernandez      | San Diego, US     | 2019-09-11 |
| Harriet Salvador-Smith | Billings, MT      | 2019-09-11 |
| Jair Tromp             | Oranjestad, Aruba | 2019-09-11 |
| Lea Hall               | Holbrook, US      | 2019-09-11 |
| Carys Franquez         | Guam              | 2019-09-11 |
| mike bain              | New Vienna, US    | 2019-09-11 |
| Loretta Karmi          | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-11 |
| Maria Garcia           | Wasilla, AK       | 2019-09-11 |
| Kevin Anderson         | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-11 |
| Taylor Samsel          | Austin, US        | 2019-09-11 |
| Fatmir Maxhuni         | Albania           | 2019-09-11 |
| April Lopez            | Yigo, Guam        | 2019-09-11 |
| Lauren Bond            | Spring, US        | 2019-09-11 |

| Name                | Location           | Date       |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Kayla Youngs        | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-11 |
| JoAnne Maloney      | Hopatcong, US      | 2019-09-11 |
| Gavin Towslee       | Denver, US         | 2019-09-11 |
| Artan Ahmeti        | Albania            | 2019-09-11 |
| Cheryl Fitzgerald   | Wasilla, AK        | 2019-09-11 |
| Peter Batten        | Fairbanks, AK      | 2019-09-11 |
| Clarence Harding    | Wasilla, AK        | 2019-09-11 |
| wendy wilcox        | New madrid, US     | 2019-09-11 |
| Matt Latkowski      | Chugaik, US        | 2019-09-11 |
| CLAIR RUSSELL       | WELLSVILLE, US     | 2019-09-11 |
| Ellsha Weaver       | Meridian, US       | 2019-09-11 |
| Cassandra Tolentino | Barrigada, Guam    | 2019-09-11 |
| Bledion Baraliu     | Pristina, Albania  | 2019-09-11 |
| Quinn Bennett       | Anchorage, AK      | 2019-09-11 |
| Steve Bowling       | Beaverton, US      | 2019-09-11 |
| Tomura Shigaraki    | Davenport, US      | 2019-09-11 |
| David Dozier        | East Liverpool, US | 2019-09-11 |
| Jessica Sessions    | Indian River, US   | 2019-09-11 |
| endrit sijarina     | Albania            | 2019-09-11 |
| Eduardo Escobar     | Oak Park, US       | 2019-09-11 |
| Deb Moseley         | Homer, AK          | 2019-09-11 |
| Garrett Bielecki    | Howell, US         | 2019-09-11 |

| Name              | Location            | Date       |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Christian Lee     | Arvada, US          | 2019-09-12 |
| Jennie Humphrey   | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-12 |
| Ivy Marciano      | Yigo, Guam          | 2019-09-12 |
| Ever Saxton       | Middletown, US      | 2019-09-12 |
| Jody Littell      | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-12 |
| Amanda Marino     | Burlington, US      | 2019-09-12 |
| Jaren Mañalac     | Yigo, Guam          | 2019-09-12 |
| Benjamin Harris   | Indialantic, US     | 2019-09-12 |
| Bonnie Jo Largen  | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-12 |
| Christen Carr     | Scottsdale, AZ      | 2019-09-12 |
| Jennifer Lang     | Orange, US          | 2019-09-12 |
| Norma Pasillas    | Yigo, Guam          | 2019-09-12 |
| Michelle Halbert  | Wasilla, AK         | 2019-09-12 |
| Brandy Gogue      | Yigo, Guam          | 2019-09-12 |
| Griffin Beatty    | Manchester, US      | 2019-09-12 |
| Ron Laing         | Tillsonburg, Canada | 2019-09-12 |
| Gayle McNeill     | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-12 |
| Jeannette Caswell | Eagle River, AK     | 2019-09-12 |
| Talon Erickson    | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-12 |
| Ryan Holton       | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-12 |
| Katrina Duft      | Eagle River, AK     | 2019-09-12 |
| joshua falconer   | Fremont, US         | 2019-09-12 |

| Name               | Location         | Date       |
|--------------------|------------------|------------|
| Shkumbin Arifi     | Albania          | 2019-09-12 |
| Justin Wolfe       | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-12 |
| Brian Gillitzer    | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-12 |
| Zachary Leonard    | Birmingham, US   | 2019-09-12 |
| Andrew Campbell    | Portage, US      | 2019-09-12 |
| Eric Langerman     | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-12 |
| Danielle Heizler   | Coraopolis, US   | 2019-09-12 |
| Tonya Evans        | North Pole, AK   | 2019-09-12 |
| Jyothika Jarpula   | US               | 2019-09-12 |
| Jeffery Faulkner   | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-12 |
| jahmar nacar       | Barrigada, Guam  | 2019-09-12 |
| Xazria Hechanova   | Hagatna, Guam    | 2019-09-12 |
| jasmin barcinas    | Hagatna, Guam    | 2019-09-12 |
| Kaelan Byrd        | Portland, OR     | 2019-09-12 |
| Tonya Jones        | Ninilchik, AK    | 2019-09-12 |
| Christopher Boltz  | Chugiak, AK      | 2019-09-12 |
| VED PRAKASH SHARMA | Jaipur, US       | 2019-09-12 |
| Mariah Santos      | Santa Rita, Guam | 2019-09-12 |
| Phil Lord          | Denver, CO       | 2019-09-12 |
| Marcus Mereb       | Guam             | 2019-09-12 |
| Joseph Calandra    | Henrico, US      | 2019-09-12 |
| Tiffany Ray        | Waterloo, US     | 2019-09-12 |

| Name                | Location             | Date       |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Neil Misra          | Novato, US           | 2019-09-12 |
| Dawn Dunham         | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| Micaya Dupreyiraola | Guam                 | 2019-09-12 |
| John Mijares        | Barrigada, Guam      | 2019-09-12 |
| Corey Rupert        | Fort Collins, US     | 2019-09-12 |
| Ashley Swibold      | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| Rachelle Martinez   | Zachary, US          | 2019-09-12 |
| Joseph Want         | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| Marie Jones         | Riverton, US         | 2019-09-12 |
| Lisa Sheffield      | Dallas, US           | 2019-09-12 |
| Chrystal Tammillo   | Johnson City, TX     | 2019-09-12 |
| James Orr           | Pearland, TX         | 2019-09-12 |
| Charlie Wafel       | Colorado Springs, CO | 2019-09-12 |
| Cindy Compton       | Windsor, CO          | 2019-09-12 |
| Justin Faulkner     | Colorado Springs, CO | 2019-09-12 |
| Brett Livingston    | Wyandotte, US        | 2019-09-12 |
| Rebecca Fath        | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| Jennifer Thompson   | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| Bree Bieber         | Anchorage, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| Tim Catlett         | Chester, US          | 2019-09-12 |
| Denise Kolts        | Fairbanks, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| Mark Carper         | Logansport, IN       | 2019-09-12 |

| Name                  | Location              | Date       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Russell Konicki       | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-12 |
| Candyce Rogers        | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-12 |
| Laura Minerva         | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-12 |
| Joann Lizarraga       | San Diego, US         | 2019-09-12 |
| kathleen davis        | fairbanks, US         | 2019-09-12 |
| Jackie Baker          | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-12 |
| Garret Patton         | Pellston, US          | 2019-09-12 |
| Mary Ramirez          | Deer Park, TX         | 2019-09-12 |
| Maria Leyva           | South Sioux City,, US | 2019-09-12 |
| Madison Haumschild    | Anchorage, AK         | 2019-09-12 |
| Rebecca Barrick       | Fairbanks, AK         | 2019-09-12 |
| Deanna Robinson       | US                    | 2019-09-12 |
| Jessica Greene        | Panama City, FL       | 2019-09-12 |
| Zane Watson           | Bristow, US           | 2019-09-12 |
| Brien Daugherty       | Juneau, AK            | 2019-09-12 |
| Mary-Claire Bernstein | Dutch Harbor, AK      | 2019-09-12 |
| Luann McVey           | Douglas, AK           | 2019-09-12 |
| Jill Ramiel           | Juneau, AK            | 2019-09-12 |
| Lisa Weissler         | Juneau, AK            | 2019-09-12 |
| Deborah Thomson       | Juneau, AK            | 2019-09-12 |
| LaRonda Snyder        | Davison, US           | 2019-09-12 |
| Lynda Giguere         | Douglas, AK           | 2019-09-12 |



| Name                    | Location          | Date       |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Mark Irsik              | Wasilla, AK       | 2019-09-12 |
| Arturo Muia jr          | Staten island, US | 2019-09-12 |
| Patricia Turner Custard | Juneau, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| Mohammad Khalili        | Laguna Niguel, US | 2019-09-12 |
| Karen Wilson            | Juneau, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| DAWN RATZER             | Wasilla, AK       | 2019-09-12 |
| Chris Murphy            | Atlanta, GA       | 2019-09-12 |
| Rhonda Beal             | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-12 |
| William Younkins        | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-12 |
| Jim Barcus              | Mckinney, TX      | 2019-09-12 |
| Travis Hewitt           | Baraboo, US       | 2019-09-12 |
| Jackie Romersberger     | Tucson, AZ        | 2019-09-12 |
| Elijah Wamack           | Wasilla, AK       | 2019-09-12 |
| Susan Sloss             | Juneau, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| Adam Der Linde          | US                | 2019-09-12 |
| Laura Lucas             | Juneau, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| John Vanwagoner         | Petoskey, US      | 2019-09-12 |
| David Davila            | Houston, TX       | 2019-09-12 |
| Sherry Miller           | US                | 2019-09-12 |
| Lin Davis               | Juneau, AK        | 2019-09-12 |
| Ron Clouser             | Harrison, US      | 2019-09-12 |
| Boyd bettisworth        | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-12 |

| Name              | Location                        | Date       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Cassondra Pavlik  | Charter Township of Clinton, US | 2019-09-12 |
| Bobbie Calice     | Fairbanks, AK                   | 2019-09-12 |
| Susan Clark Clark | Juneau, AK                      | 2019-09-12 |
| bob duncan        | palmdale, US                    | 2019-09-12 |
| Sally Rue         | Juneau, AK                      | 2019-09-12 |
| Zoe Prejean       | Lafayette, US                   | 2019-09-12 |
| Lee Boone         | Rockville, MD                   | 2019-09-12 |
| Gloria Silver     | Waynesboro, VA                  | 2019-09-13 |
| lexi cobean       | bakersfield, US                 | 2019-09-13 |
| Sarah Ingram      | Fairbanks, AK                   | 2019-09-13 |
| Richard Davignon  | Orleans, US                     | 2019-09-13 |
| Lawson Trawick    | Warner Robins, GA               | 2019-09-13 |
| Karen Harris      | Anchorage, AK                   | 2019-09-13 |
| Thomas Johnson    | Auburn Hills, US                | 2019-09-13 |
| Jake Prev         | Exeter, US                      | 2019-09-13 |
| Cheri Murray      | Warner Robins, GA               | 2019-09-13 |
| Olive Dorsen      | Austin, US                      | 2019-09-13 |
| Toni Hamilton     | Clawson, MI                     | 2019-09-13 |
| Zachary Klein     | North Wilkesboro, US            | 2019-09-13 |
| Tanya Brewi       | Seward, AK                      | 2019-09-13 |
| Carol Race        | Anchorage, AK                   | 2019-09-13 |
| emma cecchini     | Lodi, US                        | 2019-09-13 |

| Name                | Location          | Date       |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Dèbàsish Banerjee   | Bilaspur, US      | 2019-09-13 |
| Eliaz Avi           | Dallas, US        | 2019-09-13 |
| Valerie Adams       | Ontario, US       | 2019-09-13 |
| Heather Jorgensen   | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-13 |
| Kristina Hoffert    | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-13 |
| Dawn Young          | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-13 |
| Kerry Tasker        | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-13 |
| Pablo Garcia        | Mineral Wells, US | 2019-09-13 |
| Andrew Huston       | Los Angeles, US   | 2019-09-13 |
| Gail Lewis          | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-13 |
| Kenya Samuels       | Randallstown, US  | 2019-09-13 |
| Bhavisha patel      | Edison, US        | 2019-09-13 |
| Lakelyn Shatto      | Hamilton, US      | 2019-09-13 |
| Stephanie Barnes    | Wasilla, US       | 2019-09-13 |
| Cho Khan            | Elmhurst, US      | 2019-09-13 |
| Lynea Field         | Fairbanks, US     | 2019-09-13 |
| brennan kincannon   | Reno, US          | 2019-09-13 |
| Christina Roberts   | Palmer, AK        | 2019-09-13 |
| PHILIP D HAWERTON   | Los Angeles, US   | 2019-09-13 |
| Deedie Sorensen     | Juneau, AK        | 2019-09-13 |
| Natalie Chamberlain | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-13 |
| Felicia Warlick     | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-13 |

| Name              | Location            | Date       |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Brittany Graves   | Kirkland, WA        | 2019-09-13 |
| Christina Tachick | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-13 |
| Krisinger Andrew  | Hayward, US         | 2019-09-13 |
| Kaela Jones       | Marietta, US        | 2019-09-13 |
| Erica meckel      | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-13 |
| Holly Winkelman   | Juneau, AK          | 2019-09-13 |
| Josh Malcom       | North pole, US      | 2019-09-13 |
| Samad Noble       | Conyers, US         | 2019-09-13 |
| Maura Westerdahl  | Juneau, AK          | 2019-09-13 |
| Kurtis Jones      | Milton, US          | 2019-09-14 |
| fran beard        | la, US              | 2019-09-14 |
| Shervin Dadgar    | Clovis, US          | 2019-09-14 |
| Kaitlyn Ludwig    | Ottawa, US          | 2019-09-14 |
| Matt Laatsch      | Eau Claire, US      | 2019-09-14 |
| Leo B Rasmussen   | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-14 |
| Derrick Ackeret   | Seymour, US         | 2019-09-14 |
| susam camp        | Riverview, US       | 2019-09-14 |
| Christy Ciambor   | Juneau, AK          | 2019-09-14 |
| arhi ryd          | Holland, US         | 2019-09-14 |
| a b               | Fox River Grove, US | 2019-09-14 |
| Dustin Heeren     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-14 |
| Dolores Campos    | Sioux City, US      | 2019-09-14 |

| Name              | Location         | Date       |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Allison Pacpaco   | Chandler, US     | 2019-09-14 |
| Desperate Life    | US               | 2019-09-14 |
| Angela Maddex     | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-14 |
| Joanne Harrison   | Eagle river, US  | 2019-09-14 |
| Kara Borjeson     | US               | 2019-09-14 |
| Markell Cramer    | Philadelphia, US | 2019-09-14 |
| Dan Mielke        | Canon City, US   | 2019-09-14 |
| Taylor Giberson   | Sewell, US       | 2019-09-14 |
| Jennifer Mahler   | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-14 |
| Emmy Rohrer       | Tacoma, US       | 2019-09-14 |
| Jake Nelson       | Denver, US       | 2019-09-15 |
| Michael Elenz     | pensacola, US    | 2019-09-15 |
| James Bennett     | Standish, US     | 2019-09-15 |
| Sue Gill          | Juneau, AK       | 2019-09-15 |
| David Oak         | Presque Isle, US | 2019-09-15 |
| Elizabeth Warlick | Fairbanks, AK    | 2019-09-15 |
| Molly Tankersley  | Juneau, AK       | 2019-09-15 |
| Gordon Fickett    | Anchorage, AK    | 2019-09-15 |
| Richard Tarver    | Vancouver, WA    | 2019-09-15 |
| Jim O'Donnell     | Arnold, US       | 2019-09-15 |
| Paula Alvarado    | Waterbury, CT    | 2019-09-15 |
| Robert Norris     | Neillsville, WI  | 2019-09-15 |

| Name                  | Location          | Date       |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| marissa Burch         | Mount Vernon, US  | 2019-09-15 |
| John Mahaffey         | Anchorage, AK     | 2019-09-15 |
| Molly Singer          | Hicksville, US    | 2019-09-15 |
| Lily Giles            | Aubrey, US        | 2019-09-15 |
| Carrie Edgerton       | Fort Worth, TX    | 2019-09-15 |
| Fadl Jaid             | Miami, US         | 2019-09-15 |
| AaRyana Huggins       | Edison, US        | 2019-09-15 |
| Dylan Ovitt           | Montpelier, US    | 2019-09-15 |
| Ashton Dent           | Palmer, AK        | 2019-09-16 |
| Nicole Nowinski       | Milwaukee, US     | 2019-09-16 |
| Cassandra Vercher     | Dallas, US        | 2019-09-16 |
| Joshua Lofland        | Lewes, US         | 2019-09-16 |
| KRistina clemente     | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-16 |
| Hannah Hodge          | New Braunfels, US | 2019-09-16 |
| Hector Clemente       | Fairbanks, AK     | 2019-09-16 |
| Lauren Tisthammer     | Wasilla, US       | 2019-09-16 |
| samantha ott          | La Grange, US     | 2019-09-16 |
| Tamra Chiarell        | North Pole, AK    | 2019-09-16 |
| Ashley Nevarez        | New Braunfels, US | 2019-09-16 |
| Salma Abunadi         | Riverside, US     | 2019-09-16 |
| Divinagracia Angelita | Wayne, US         | 2019-09-16 |
| Benjamin cameron      | Warrensburg, US   | 2019-09-16 |

| Name                | Location            | Date       |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Stacy Haley         | Indian Trail, US    | 2019-09-16 |
| Krystal Todd        | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-17 |
| Beth Morey          | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-17 |
| Kirsten Crush       | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-17 |
| Peter Reed          | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-17 |
| Karen Braselton     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-17 |
| Alla Grikurova      | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-17 |
| Ella Warner         | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-17 |
| Cheryl Stafford     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-17 |
| Iris Boehm          | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-17 |
| Brandon Rodriguez   | Holbrook, US        | 2019-09-17 |
| Dan Horst           | new holland, US     | 2019-09-17 |
| Serena Bickford     | Livingston, TX      | 2019-09-17 |
| Kristen Thomas      | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-17 |
| Brittany Ford       | Alaska              | 2019-09-18 |
| Andrew Brooks       | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-18 |
| Erdley Douglas      | Tacoma, WA          | 2019-09-18 |
| Nancy SPencer       | Fairbanks, US       | 2019-09-18 |
| Michelle Brooks     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-18 |
| Justine Coulter     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-18 |
| Ruben Iorga         | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-18 |
| Alexandria Loughran | Fort Wainwright, AK | 2019-09-18 |

| Name                  | Location            | Date       |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Matthew dietz         | fort Wainwright, US | 2019-09-18 |
| Rachel Smith          | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-18 |
| Katherine Allen       | Wasilla, AK         | 2019-09-18 |
| Maeghan McGraw        | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-18 |
| Ryan Loughran         | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-18 |
| Thessaly Klingensmith | Pittsburgh, US      | 2019-09-18 |
| Kylie Crow            | Midlothian, US      | 2019-09-18 |
| Star Duperior         | Hertford, NC        | 2019-09-19 |
| Mary Whitby           | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-19 |
| Randy Loken           | Glennallen, AK      | 2019-09-19 |
| Ann Shane             | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-19 |
| Jessica Baker         | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-19 |
| Devon Berthiaume      | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-20 |
| Megan Mascari         | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-20 |
| Travis Westervelt     | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-20 |
| Vicki Martin          | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-20 |
| Jesse Solomon         | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-20 |
| emil johnson          | Fairbanks, AK       | 2019-09-20 |
| William perry         | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-22 |
| Karlie Ennes          | North Pole, AK      | 2019-09-22 |
| Laura Beck            | Soldotna, AK        | 2019-09-22 |
| Ivana Banic           | Anchorage, AK       | 2019-09-22 |



| Name              | Location      | Date       |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| Krista Fletcher   | Wasilla, AK   | 2019-09-22 |
| Janine Niebrugge  | Seward, AK    | 2019-09-22 |
| Valerie Boulden   | Seward, AK    | 2019-09-22 |
| Angelina Marsh    | Palmer, AK    | 2019-09-22 |
| Marylee Haddeland | Anchorage, AK | 2019-09-23 |
| Rowan Chandler    | Olympia, WA   | 2019-09-26 |
| Shannon Houlette  | Rhineland, WI | 2019-09-27 |
| Ruth Stratton     | Anchorage, AK | 2019-09-28 |
| Dottie Cornell    | Willis, TX    | 2019-09-30 |

**From:** [dan fink](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulations for brewery and tasting rooms  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 7:49:01 PM

---

Hello, I am a lifelong Juneau resident and consumer. My wife and I own a home in the Auk Bay area, and are excited to see the Forbidden Peak Brewery almost finished. We have been outspoken against the proposed regulations change pertaining to events and advertising involving tasting rooms and brewery areas. We recently attended a fundraiser at the Devilsclub brewery, and saw many faces we knew. And many that were new. It was a wonderful experience, and had we not heard of it would have been sad we missed out. I have spoken to many people who don't frequent the bar scene but after the event stopped in for a sitdown drink and chat with friends at nearby establishments. The fundraiser was not only a success, but I feel boosted spending and visitor numbers to the downtown area.

The existing regulations on tasting rooms I feel adequately limit their ability to function as a bar or lounge. With limited pour quantities and absence of entertainment it makes an attractive stop in and carry on experience. I have visited our local tasting rooms and a few abroad. Most recently, the Haines Brewing facility. A regular stop as we pass through the area. There is excitement area wide among our social group, with eager anticipation for the Forbidden Peak Brewery and tasting room to open. I have been in contact with the proprietor of the brewery and already have planned our visit schedule given expected open date.

I ask that you do not adopt the proposed regulation change pertaining to breweries and tasting rooms, and let them function as they have been. Any additional limitations I feel would only lessen their abilities to attract economic growth and community solidarity.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please count this as a solid 2 vote against the adoption of new regs. As my wife has given me the okay to add her vote to mine.

Regards

Daniel Fink

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Chad Kiesel](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support local breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 8:53:15 PM

---

I am very disapointed that further regulation is being proposed on small business in Alaska. I live in Homer, Alaska and enjoy visiting Grace Ridge Brewing , Homer Brewing and when out of town Kenai Brewing.

These small business owners employ a local workforce and are active community members. The last thing we need to do is make it harder for them to grow and others to enter the market.

The market is changing. And consumers are choosing to support small local business and breweries.

Micro brews as we all know are growing fast and the local communities are enjoying their presence.

Please repectivly reconsider not adding more barriers for growth for a new industry in Alaska. We need new investments in Alaska and we should be supporting new industry not making it harder.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Kiesel Family,

Homer, Alaska

907-299-7990

**From:** [J. Jason Lazarus](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment against further Brewery restrictions on "fun"  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 9:17:11 PM

---

Board Members -

I am contacting you tonight to voice my strong opposition to any further restrictions on activities, or "fun", that might occur at breweries throughout the state. In fact, I would encourage the board to roll back the restrictions that were introduced last year in favor of returning many beloved traditions to these local businesses.

When I was an undergrad at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, well before small breweries were a thing in Fairbanks, I enjoyed the atmosphere that the on-campus, student-run Pub provided - a safe environment for students to lightly imbibe only beer and wine, meet with a tutor, play a card game with friends or socially interact with friends without the expectation of drinking heavily. Pub bartenders looked out for their patrons and there was rarely ever trouble at the Pub. My group of friends chose the Pub because of this safety factor. Unlike the local bars in town, my friends were not encouraged to over-consume nor did my female friends fear being roofied in this controlled, relaxing and safe environment.

As I grew older and the brewery scene started establishing itself throughout the state, I found out that the breweries, with its limits on consumption and relaxed atmosphere, provided the same safe environment. I take advantage of this environment weekly, whether for a brew after work, to display my artwork, or to build a community photography group.

My wife and I often drop by the breweries on our date nights to read books quietly together - a bar doesn't provide this experience, nor does any encourage this behavior. The breweries encourage it.

As a photographer, I have, along with many of my local artist friends, taken advantage of breweries and shared my artwork at them as a First Friday event. Your proposed restrictions would eliminate this unique opportunity for not just local artists but also for community members - allowing them to interact with artists and art in a much more casual environment. Given that our current state administration does not appreciate funding for the arts enough to encourage non-profits to open up new galleries, these environments act as one of the only spaces in some communities for art to be seen. Your restrictions would eliminate that amazing opportunity - and, let me be clear - this is not an opportunity that local bars offer.

As an educator, I also run a local photography group for amateur and professional photographers in the Fairbanks area - I'm quite fond of the pun attached to the group's name: "Photography Untapped". From that, I imagine you can guess that we choose to meet at local breweries, and do so bi-monthly, providing a relaxed environment for artists to network, share their work, offer portfolio reviews and create bonds. My local brewery even reserves a table for our group so we always have a space set aside - we feel welcome in ways that can't ever be replicated anywhere else - and certainly not at the local bars.

As a father, I enjoy bringing my son along to the local breweries and play card games with him while we eat from a food truck parked outside and he enjoys a root beer. He also gets to

see me in a healthy environment that promotes responsible drinking habits, which will no doubt have a positive impact on him and his choices once he reaches drinking age. I cannot, and will not, bring my son to a bar.

I am not the type of person that would frequent bars. Their mixture of overindulgence, machismo, and unsafe atmospheres do not interest me. I enjoy the fact that breweries are limited to 36 ounces per patron - and would never ask for that to be changed. It has created an amazing culture focused on the craft of beer making rather than drinking for intoxication's sake. Eliminating "fun" from these environments is honestly foolish. It not only will curtail the development of a bustling new industry for the state but will also send people out to bars without alcohol limits, causing more problems. Drinking culture is changing in the state - and for the better by becoming safer in the very establishments you're targeting. Your restrictions would set the state back, not move it forward.

Do not add more restrictions to these amazing safe spaces for locals. Allow us to have our "fun" in the variety of safe ways we have it.

J. Jason Lazarus  
SPE-NW Chair  
Instructor of Photography  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
[www.obscura-works.com](http://www.obscura-works.com)

**From:** [Deanna Lazarus](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restrictions of Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 9:17:21 PM

---

Dear Board Members,

I'm writing this email to you today because I feel that you are over stepping your bounds and using laws written during the time of Prohibition. I love going to breweries and distilleries over "traditional bars" for a multitude of reason. One drink culture has changed over the last ten year, most people don't drink to get drunk. They drink to enjoy the flavor of the beverage and to enjoy the company of friends. With the the limited amount that one can drink at these location makes these places a safer place to drink. Breweries and distilleries employees are always on the look out for inappropriate behavior and dangerous situations.

They also allow young drinking to observe better drinking habits such as moderation. Also these place are a welcoming place for families to gather and teach children that drinking is for adults and should be done responsibly. Add more restrictions on what actives can be done at breweries and distilleries will cause harm to local industry and morale of the community. Many community organization use these locations to help raise funds and awareness to their causes.

To be real clear these breweries and distilleries are a place where artist work, this brewer and distillers are craftsman, who work a magic to create a finished product that shows the wonder of Alaska and Alaskan ingenuity. They take ingredients grown in Alaska (such as grains and berries) and turn them into something that has become world famous. Many of them have won international or national awards for their hard work and skill.

What you want to do is punish them and your fellow Alaskans because they seem to be a threat to a hand full of people that don't want to change with the times.

Don't add more restrictions on FUN and roll back the ones already in place. Consider the Alaskans, listen to our voices and remember the these breweries and distilleries are examples of what Alaska is all about.

Deanna Lazarus

**From:** [Catherine Heroy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillery events  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 9:58:14 PM

---

Dear AMCO board,

As an Alaskan, I support more freedom for distilleries & breweries to host events, rather than more regulation. While I still support restricting the amount of alcohol they could serve, I would like to see them able to host events such as First Friday shows, or charity events. I think that society is changing away from bar culture and that restricting these activities is detrimental to both the brewers and the artists/groups that their events can benefit.

I am not a big drinker. I absolutely oppose drinking and driving. I'm not making these comments as a supporter of unregulated alcohol distribution and consumption. But I think that what breweries and distilleries are offering our communities with these events is actually a net positive for our community and economy.

Please reconsider applying stricter regulations that would prohibit these events. It's unfortunate that bars can't seem to compete with changes in society, but that's no reason to restrict innovation and new opportunities for artists and craftsmen to reach new markets.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. I hope you are able to find a balance on the regulations that allows for safe alcohol distribution but also innovative marketing and community outreach.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Heroy

**From:** [khevron@warppmail.net](mailto:khevron@warppmail.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restricting Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 10:00:26 PM

---

I'd just like to say the new proposed regulations restricting various social activities are unnecessary. If the idea is that these businesses are in some way conflicting with bars and clubs, I say no, they do not. They're promoting a product, and having fun events to do so hurts no-one. I have gone to several distillery events, but never go to bars or clubs. They are totally different things. Please allow the Breweries and Distilleries their freedoms.

Thank you  
-- Donovan Goertz

--  
"But when we crave power over life- endless wealth, unassailable safety, immortality- then desire becomes greed. And if knowledge allies itself to that greed, then becomes evil. Then the balance of the world is swayed, and ruin weighs heavy in the scale." Ged  
[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_http://www.khevron.com\\_!9\\_CTV20a17M!6rcpxvKnkQEFnvvaqYsTVKuOA\\_rvDPugSK3f2mTfBWknRqJUzWvH47lgm67WxSx0\\_c\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_http://www.khevron.com_!9_CTV20a17M!6rcpxvKnkQEFnvvaqYsTVKuOA_rvDPugSK3f2mTfBWknRqJUzWvH47lgm67WxSx0_c$)  
-Remodel Blog & Khevron's Heraldrydicolous  
Donovan Goertz, Heraldrydicolous on Facebook



**From:** [rory marengo](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Entertainment Regulations Project  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 11:00:02 PM  
**Attachments:** [Observations on AK Alcoholic Beverage Control Board proposed regulation 3 AAC 304.docx](#)  
[Memo RE BGA talking points for AMCO Regs Final.docx.pdf](#)

---

To whom it may concern,

As a co-owner/ operations manager/ head brewer of a micro brewery in Alaska, I feel compelled to contact you in regards to the recent regulations project findings regarding entertainment in brewery taprooms.

I learned to homebrew in college in Utah and obtained a job in Alaska after graduating in 2005. As a mechanical project engineer I worked throughout the state in the oil and gas industry, quickly paying off my student loans and saving my hard earned money to someday pursue my passion of opening my own business. In 2017 my dream became a reality and Girdwood Brewing Company was born. Beginning with the initial permitting process to the eventual demise of SB76 we've been through a tumultuous 2.5 years from a regulatory perspective as a young brewery. For an industry that is up & coming and continues to thrive year after year, I'm amazed at the roadblocks the government continues to try and put into place in order to hinder our success. The more beer we produce & sell, the more taxes we pay; I'm amazed that the state is trying to limit our ability to do so in such unsure times for the tripod of industries that support the economy: oil & gas, tourism, and fishing. Girdwood Brewing Company's motto: Local Brews, Epic Views is a testament to the reason people come here. They are in search of beautiful landscapes & relaxing environments, both of which we offer at the brewery.

From a legal perspective, the proposed regulations are inherently flawed (see attached legal rhetoric from persons more qualified than myself). The new language attempts to clarify an already vague & confusing section of statute but only makes it more open for interpretation. AMCO's primary directive is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public. How does placing more restrictions on breweries; arguably the most regulated sector of liquor licenses (limited hrs, serving limits, etc.), act to serve this purpose? We are a family friendly establishment that is respected in our community for serving alcohol responsibly.

At the end of the day, I'm just another law abiding small business owner working more than I imagined to keep my employees happy & support my family. I live in Girdwood with my wife and 2 young boys, employ 13 local residents and provide a platform for several local food trucks to run their businesses and support their families.

In the words of our governor & his staff, "We are open for business, don't get in the way of the private sector growing the economy in Alaska".

Please consider this testimony before adopting the proposed change to the statutes.

cheers

Rory Marengo

To: BGA Members  
From: BGA Government Affairs Committee  
Date: September 10, 2019  
RE: Talking points for opposition to AMCO regs



The following are possible talking points for BGA members to use in comments on the proposed AMCO regs. We suggest that comments focus on several points (including any others you want to raise) rather than including all of them. The deadline for comments is October 4.

**BGA talking points for opposition to AMCO Regs:**

1. The statute allowing brewery retail sales has been in place since 2006, and only under the current AMCO director have we seen an effort to create additional restrictions beyond those set by the original statute.

Breweries, distilleries, and wineries (including cideries and meaderies) have opened and based their business plans on AMCO's long-standing interpretation of the statute, which allowed activities so long as they were not expressly prohibited by the statute. As Alaska continues to struggle to grow its economy, breweries are one of the few bright spots, despite the current restrictions in place on servings, operating hours, and entertainment. Why would the state seek to further hamper jobs and economic growth with these regulations?

2. When the bill creating AS 04.11.130(e) was under consideration, the concern was that tasting rooms not be the equivalent of taverns or bars. Hence the list of activities commonly associated with bars that were explicitly stated as off limits for entertainment by tasting rooms: pool tables, TVs, live music, etc. Bars have not typically been associated with educational classes or events, yoga and other fitness classes, poetry readings, etc., so breweries should be able to offer these activities.
3. If the statute was meant to prevent any non-sampling activity, it could have been written and passed as such. Instead, it includes a specific list of prohibited activities. If it's not in the list, manufacturers, for the last 12 years, have been allowed to conduct that activity. Why would the state, after 12 successful years, seek to stifle consumer demand and harm a growing industry?

4. The regulations, as proposed, raise serious constitutional concerns and are vague, overbroad, and unenforceable.
- What is the basis for the state to deny a brewer his or her right to engage in free speech, which includes speech about the product he or she makes or explaining how beer is made?
  - What is the basis for the state to deny a brewery the right to hold an event that includes political speech?
  - If customers wear clothing associated with a particular religious holiday, are breweries obligated to deny them access because the clothing is a religious celebration (a “festival” is defined a day or period of celebration), forcing breweries to violate customers’ first amendment rights?
  - At what point does a political conversation become a “presentation?” Are breweries meant to monitor private conversations to ensure that presentations are not being made? Since private parties are allowed, must breweries ensure that private parties are not celebrating a holiday or giving presentations?
  - How would breweries monitor customers’ cell phone or lap top usage to ensure that they are not playing games or watching television?
  - If customers are on a first date and one person talks about their background, is that an illegal presentation (or performance)?
  - What is the state’s plan for indemnifying breweries, since compliance with the regulations turns breweries into state actors who will likely have to violate customers’ rights of privacy and first amendment protections?
  - If a server explains what a particular beer is or explains the breweries history, is that an illegal presentation? Is a menu describing the brewery’s story or the brewing process or the beers on tap an illegal written presentation?
  - If a food truck advertises that they are parked at a brewery and a group of friends show up to buy food and get a beer, is that an illegal advertised social activity? If *any* group of people arrive at a brewery together do breweries need to question them to determine whether their presence was prompted by advertising?

5. The regulations are anti-small business and will inhibit tourism and general commerce. “Beer tourism” is a growing segment in the travel industry; tourists visit breweries for a sense of local flavor (literally), meet locals, and support local, independent businesses. Just as locals enjoy talks, presentations, classes, tours, and other activities at breweries, tourists expect such activities because they are common, welcomed aspects of the brewery experience in other states. Growth in the industry supports these conclusions – in 2014 there were 22 breweries operating in Alaska, in 2019 there are 45. Why would AMCO seek to stifle a growing industry that is creating jobs, substantial local economic impacts across the state, and seeing consistently increasing consumer demand.
6. The regulations conflict with AMCO’s statutory authority to protect public safety, health, and welfare. The statute allows breweries to serve up to 36 ounces of beer per person per day; giving consumers reasons to drink slowly – by enjoying or participating in presentations, classes, and other activities (other than games, live entertainment, or other activities excluded by AS 04.11.130(e)) promotes public safety and welfare.

## **Observations on AK Alcoholic Beverage Control Board proposed regulation 3 AAC 304.390**

### **For use in public comments and industry filings**

In general, an agency may not act in a manner that is arbitrary and capricious. Rules, regulations and interpretation must be consistent.

The current inconsistencies in the drafting of the various types of on-premise alcohol license types by the Legislature makes it legally impossible for the board to adopt the proposed 3 AAC 304.390 as currently drafted.

This has to do with how the specific language of each license type was constructed by the Legislature.

The board must be consistent in its application of processes around statutes. If it wants to take the position that language must be explicit in order for an activity to be allowed, then it must apply that rule across all license types.

If the board wants to take the alternate position, that silence in the statute means anything is allowed unless it is specifically disallowed by the Legislature, then it must apply that standard of interpretation across all license types.

See the summaries below of the critical license types:

#### **AS Sec 04.11.100 (Restaurant or eating place license)**

-Only allows beer and wine. No mention of spirits, mixed drinks or cocktails.

-The Legislature was clear it only allows “entertainment” between 3 and 11 pm. Legislature specifically noted the license type does NOT allow tv based events to be shows. This means no sports on tv.

-The Legislature limited the types of “entertainment” to specific types of activities, such as dancing, karaoke, live performances, etc. No mention of darts, pool, electronic games, is simply listening to live music.

#### **AS Sec. 04.11.090 (Beverage dispensary license)**

-Standard” bar” type operation.

-Beer, wine and cocktails.

-No mention at all given by the Legislature for “entertainment” on the premises. Notice the Legislature gave specifically authority for certain types of “entertainment” for the beer and wine licenses under AS 04.11.100 above, but it is silent for the Beverage Dispensary Licenses under AS 04.11.090.

-One should argue that this specific lack of authority by the Legislature means that beverage dispensary license holders may have NO entertainment at all. No music, no activities, no dancing, no live performances, no tv and no sporting events.

-Under standard principals of code interpretation and administrative procedures acts, a state agency may not act in an arbitrary and capricious manner.

-It is interesting that the beverage dispensary license contains no language allowing for the mixing of water, ice, juice or mixers with spirits to make cocktails, yet this is the common practice.

#### **AS Sec. 04.11.130 (Brewery License)**

-Does not allow live entertainment, tvs, pool, darts, dancing, etc.

-Because the restaurant license above only allows certain types of “entertainment”, but not all types of entertainment, it seems the restaurant license under AS Sec 04.11.100 also would not allow certain activities that are not otherwise specifically enumerated.

-For the new proposed rule dealing with “other recreational or gaming opportunities”, “classes” in the traditional sense are not recreational.

-Does the lack of “classes” also mean that a brewery would not be allowed to offer technical beer making classes for aspiring brewers? Are Alaskans interested in brewing forced to leave to go to the Lower 48 to learn the technical aspects of making beer?

-What if “classes” are free (meaning the brewery does not charge for them)? Are they still classes? What defines a class? What if there is no work product made, no homework, nothing to take home, but rather simply a lecture on the history of beer?

-Does the prohibition on “presentations” mean that employees are not allowed to educate guests on the type of beer offerings they have, how they are made and how they are best paired? Is a discussion between the employee behind the bar and a patron about these topics a “presentation”? Presentations don’t necessarily require a full audience.

-Under the proposed rule can a brewery offer a tour of its facility and equipment? Can employees answer questions during such tour?

-What is a “festival”. What is the activity or collection of activities that converts a group of people in the same place into a “festival”? Can a brewery have a 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary party open to the public? What if the brewery celebrates its anniversary, open to the public, but without signage? Does it somehow convert into a “festival”? Does a festival require more than one brewery or vendor to be called a “festival”?

-Is a release of a new beer or specialty handle a “social gathering”? Is a brewery not allowed to advertise it is having a special release to the public? Does the brewery’s anniversary fit the definition of a “social gathering advertised to the public”?

#### **AS Sec. 04.11.140 (Winery license)**

No mention at all about “entertainment”, games, tv or sports. Nothing that says it is allowed or disallowed. Does this mean there can be classes on how to pair wine and food, or how to make wine? Does it mean such classes are not allowed?

#### **AS 04.11.170 (Distillery license)**

-Does not allow live entertainment, tvs, pool, darts, dancing, etc.

-Because the Restaurant license above only allows certain types of “entertainment”, but not all types of entertainment, it seems the restaurant license under AS Sec 04.11.100 also would not allow certain activities that are not otherwise specifically enumerated.

-For the new proposed rule dealing with “other recreational or gaming opportunities”, “classes” in the traditional sense are not recreational.

-For the new proposed rule dealing with “other recreational or gaming opportunities”, “classes” in the traditional sense are not recreational.

-Does the lack of “classes” also mean that a distillery would not be allowed to offer technical distilling classes for aspiring distillers? Are Alaskans interested in distilling forced to leave to go to the Lower 48 to learn the technical aspects of making spirits? What if they want to open their own distillery? Can they not work with an Alaska distillery to learn?

-What if “classes” are free (meaning the distillery does not charge for them)? Are they still classes? What defines a class? What if there is no work product made, no homework, nothing to take home, but rather simply a lecture on the history of spirits?

-Does the prohibition on “presentations” mean that employees are not allowed to educate guests on the type of spirits offerings they have, how they are made and how they are best paired? Is a discussion between the employee behind the bar and a patron about these topics a “presentation”? Presentations don’t necessarily require a full audience.

-Under the proposed rule can a distillery offer a tour of its facility and equipment? Can employees answer questions during such tour?

-What is a “festival”. What is the activity or collection of activities that converts a group of people in the same place into a “festival”? Can a distillery have a 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary party open to the public? What if the distillery celebrates its anniversary, open to the public, but without signage? Does it somehow convert into a “festival”? Does a festival require more than one distillery or vendor to be called a “festival”?

-Is a release of a new spirit or specialty product a “social gathering”? Is a distillery not allowed to advertise it is having a special release to the public? Does the distillery’s anniversary fit the definition of a “social gathering advertised to the public”?

#### **Alaska Administrative Procedure Act Considerations**

The proposed board action, even if adopted, may only be applied prospectively against new licensees, not existing brewery, distillery or winery licensees. **AS Sec. 44.62.240. Limitation on retroactive action** states as follows:

*If a regulation adopted by an agency under this chapter is primarily legislative, the regulation has prospective effect only. A regulation adopted under this chapter that is primarily an “interpretative regulation” has retroactive effect only if the agency adopting it has adopted no earlier inconsistent regulation and has followed no earlier course of conduct inconsistent with the regulation. Silence or failure to follow any course of conduct is considered earlier inconsistent conduct.*

In this case the board has previously issued licenses and allowed existing brewery, winery and distillery operators to conduct business in a certain manner, with certain rights and privileges of the license, and they have built business models, plans and commercial activities around those past regulatory and legislature interpretations. This proposed action by the board is “interpretive” because it is coming up with definitions of what constitutes “other recreation and gaming activities”. By the very nature of how the statutes were drafted it leaves to the agency the interpretation of the text. For years the board has followed a “prior course of conduct” by its silence on the matter. A change in the interpretation of the language and its application against existing brewery, distillery and winery licensees would be inconsistent with the board’s prior conduct. The failure of the board to create a definition of “other recreation and gaming activities” or to enforce such limitations is “inconsistent conduct” under the statute.

### **Summary**

A state agency may not act arbitrarily. A definition of an arbitrary action is to apply one standard for one group and another standard for another group when specific language was enacted by the Legislature. The Legislature did not give the board such broad rule making authority that it can ignore the administrative requirements of the Alaska Administrative Procedure Act (Alaska Statutes Title 44 Chapter 62). AS 44.62.030 forbids a state agency from making a regulation that is inconsistent with a statute.

In this case the silence of the Legislature in specifically authorizing entertainment on the premise of a beverage dispensary license holder (a full service beer, wine and spirits establishment) while the Legislature specifically authorized certain live activities at a beer and wine restaurant license could be grounds for a challenge of the current regulations and the new proposed regulations under draft 3 AAC 304.390 of the board. One could make a credible argument that the complete silence of the Legislature, with no mention of “entertainment” in the authorizing statutes of the beverage dispensary license, means that no recreational activity, games, performances or tv events would be allowed in those establishments.

The definition of “other recreation or gaming activities” as interpreted in the proposed rule is so broad that it creates opportunity for capricious decisions by the board.



**From:** [Liesl Schindler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 11:17:42 PM

---

Hello, I am from Florida but every summer for the last few years my mom and I have visited Alaska. One of the highlights of our trip is visiting the local breweries, taking brewery tours and sampling the craft beers. We heard that new regulations could ban brewery tours, which seems ridiculous. Brewery tours are fun, educational, and attract business and tourism. I would hate to think of them going away, so I urge you to support the brewers and NOT ban brewery tours! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Liesl Schindler

Kissimmee, Florida 34746



**From:** [Justin Thran](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\); craftedforalaska@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Proposals  
**Date:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 11:44:36 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I've read a handful of articles from different papers about the proposals. I've copied 4 different comments/statistics that stood out to me. Of course I've also waited till the last minute to email you. Then again I do work under pressure.

1. Darwin Biwer, the owner of Darwin's Theory, a cocktail bar and pub in downtown Anchorage, believes in limits and restrictions for how breweries and distilleries serve alcohol so they don't compete with bars.

I have a slightly hard time believing the bars and breweries compete. They do both serve alcohol. One however can only serve beer and a limited amount of it. They also have to close at 8 PM. The other can serve beer and hard alcohol up to an amount that is up to the server. They can be open really late as well. They can also have pool, darts, and pulltabs. Also don't forget about music and live bands.

2. Sen. Peter Micciche has sympathy for bar owners who have paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for their licenses but says there is a clear trend in the industry for craft beers. He says the state's alcohol laws shouldn't curtail the market.

He's right. There are bars that have paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for these permits. However these permits are very very limited and hard to come by. So of course you're going to pay a premium price for them.

There is a very clear trend that the industry is looking towards craft beers. It's not because we just want good tasting beer we also want the atmosphere of talking with friends, meeting new friends, and having a good time without having someone coming up to us that's totally trashed because they've had a really shitty week. I was at a bar with my friends playing pool minding our own business and an intoxicated person came up to the pool table and threw a pool ball across the table and then walked out of the bar. That to some degree is to be expected in a bar. However my friends and I just shrugged it off. And I get it when you have a really bad week you want to blow off steam. But we don't do that at a brewery we go to a bar to do that. Also the bars have TVs. If I want to watch TV and drink by myself I go to a bar and if I want to talk to people and drink I go to the brewery.

3. Ellis, with Midnight Sun, thinks the intent of earlier regulations "to make sure tasting rooms didn't become sports bars" was fair. But this round of proposed rules goes too far, he said.

I agree with him 100%. But now this is gone too far. Have you ever seen anyone do a painting class in a bar? Have an art showing at a bar? Have a birthday party let alone a kids birthday party at a bar? Have you ever seen anyone do a going away party at a bar? For the very most part no. However after an adult birthday party or a going away party people usually sometimes go from the brewery to the bar. I've seen it quite a few times at our brewery. And it's

perfect!!!! Everyone wins!!! However now to put at stake fundraisers that are sometimes setup very last minute to raise money for someone that is injured or sick and they don't have any medical insurance to pay their bills? This is a great way for the community to come together as a team to help someone out. Please don't jeopardize that.

4. A lot of money is at stake for traditional bars, too. State law limits the number of alcohol licenses in a community [based on population](#), but when that law was enacted, existing licenses were grandfathered in. Furthermore, those licenses don't return to the state when they're sold. They can be kept in circulation on the open market.

That means Fairbanks should have no more than 34 bars. It has 67. Juneau should have no more than 11 bars; it has 20. Anchorage should have no more than 99 bars. Instead, it has 117.

I don't think anyone will come out and say it but it seems to be that this is being pushed by the bars. Who else would it be? They actually have more bars than what the state law limits and they're still complaining.

I will try to make my closing statement short but it probably won't be. Bars I believe don't have as many employees as brewery's but I may be wrong. But someone else makes the alcohol and it gets shipped to the bars. You need a few people to sell it and stock it. If you make your own beer you need people to mix the grains, make sure it stays at certain temperatures, people who put it in barrels and people who pour it. Therefore if you restrict what the breweries can do the sales will go down as not as many people will be needed to make beer. We can never truly know but I have a feeling if restrictions are put in place jobs will be cut.

This is almost as if a few kids setup a lemonade stand. They sold regular lemonade (which is like beer to us) and soda/pop (which is like liquor to us). The kids have been selling for many many years. Usually the other kids only come around to buy it on the weekends because they have school during the week (just like us working). Mom only allows lots of sugar on none school nights. ;)

Years after come some other kids but they only sell lemonade. However the lemonade has different flavors. They also have a different warming atmosphere that invites everybody in. Even people who don't like soda. Just a place to relax and kick back. A lot of the kids flock to the new stand during the week because they need just a small decompression after school. And business slowly picks up.

When the kids that sell lemonade and soda/pop see this as threat they stomp their feet to their parents (the alcohol board) to do something instead of coming up with new ways to attract

kids to their own lemonade stand. Meanwhile they probably didn't even notice that the kids that are going to this new lemonade stand never even went to their stand in the first place.

I've lived in Alaska for four years. Things like this worry me that we're slowly turning into California. Please don't do this because I don't want to move away. I love it here!

Sorry for the very very long email but this is true to my heart and other Alaskans. I can be reached by email or phone number 775-790-4551.

Sincerely,

Justin Thran

Kodiak Island

**From:** [Daniel Hysell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Restrictions  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 12:37:00 AM

---

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed law to further restrict events and gatherings that can be held at breweries, distilleries, wineries, and cideries in Alaska. The proposition will inhibit local culture and fundraisers that add tremendous value to the communities of our state. As a resident of Juneau, the events hosted by our local manufacturers have raised substantial funds for charitable and community-supporting purposes, assisted neighborhood artists and designers in gaining support and recognition, and cultivated local traditions and a sense of identity within the community. I urge you to rethink the legitimacy of this proposal and consider the individuals and groups that would be negatively affected if it is passed into law. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dan Hysell

**From:** [Kim Purkerson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 5:37:55 AM

---

Dear AMCO:

I am strongly against this proposal for further limits on events that can be held at breweries, distilleries, and wineries. I believe that these establishments have a great ability to be a community gathering place and that we should encourage their involvement in the community and promotion of events not solely related to alcohol. I would much rather participate in events at breweries rather than "bars". These businesses are dedicated to their communities and foster appreciation for not only the products that they are making but for enhancing and supporting our community.

These new regulations you are imposing would not only hinder business but could possibly crush these small companies all together. Consumers aren't brand loyal to bars the same way they are to beers - and unfortunately, small start ups cannot gain momentum without starting with patrons at their home base.

To top that off, these businesses are always willing to help one another and help other small start ups too. The camaraderie and support within this community is such a beautiful thing, it needs to be nourished, not squandered! The first Friday events help local artists, hosting exercise classes help local trainers, fundraiser events bring in monies for local charity....why would you want to take away a thriving industry in your home state?

Kim Purkerson  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Laura J Revels](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose changes to 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 6:54:34 AM

---

This law is already too restrictive. This is just a power play by people that believe that breweries and distilleries are stealing their customer base. Here is a clue... people that go to breweries weren't going to those bars in the first place.

Breweries are more for community-minded people to meet and be social, in a safe environment. Let's loosen the regulations not make them more restrictive! The breweries offer a safer alternative for people who are non-partiers to gather, and do things together, let's keep it that way, and NOT take it away.

Thank you.

*Sincerely,  
Laura J. Revels*

*"The role of the storyteller is to awaken the storyteller in others." - Jack Zipes*

**From:** [Miranda Leppla](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on AS 04.11.130(e)  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 7:10:42 AM

---

Good morning,

I am writing these comments as an Ohioan who recently visited Alaska on an incredible 11 day trip. We visited a friend living in Anchorage and explored nearby, visited Talkeetna and the area to see Denali, and rented a campervan to explore the Kenai Peninsula. We were lucky to visit some of the fantastic breweries around the state, but were disappointed to learn how restrictive your laws are on these businesses, forcing them to stop pouring at 8pm and limiting the types of events they can have on premises.

In Ohio, we have opened up our breweries for events and food trucks, for fundraisers and festivals—and brewery tourism has been a great economic driver for the places where they are located. While visiting Alaska, we were disappointed to find out how early breweries close—which we first discovered after doing a hike and planning to check out the brewery afterward, and were told they'd already done last call. Other times we would've like to stay past 8pm to try the local beers where we were visiting. Any changes to the regulations should permit breweries more flexibility, not less, which would help the local economy and promote local products being made by proud Alaskans.

I hope next time we visit Alaska we'll be able to stick around at breweries longer or enjoy a local beer after exploring the outdoors past 8pm.

Miranda Leppla  
Columbus, Ohio



**From:** [Ryan Jimenez](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vote to remove Erika McConnell  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 7:23:46 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

As a life long Alaskan I believe it within our best interest to remove Erika McConnell from her post as she is not a best fit candidate for our States current economic position. Instead of supporting in-state local breweries and distilleries she has shown to favor mass market Alcohol and outside commerce in her creation of forbidden activities laws.

This action in no way supports the mission to “enforce alcohol and marijuana commerce laws and provide clear, consistent standards for licensure to protect the public from harm.”

These views are my own.

Thank you,

Ryan Jimenez

--

---Ryan Jimenez---

**From:** [Thomas Kobylarz](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to new Brewery / Distillery Restrictions  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 7:27:02 AM

---

My name is Thomas Kobylarz and I am a life long Alaskan and I currently live in Soldotna.. The I am writing to support our local Brewaries. I have not set foot in a conventional Bar for years but I have been to the Microbrewaries. I like the atmosphere and Food Options available. I also like that they support community events. The local brewaries have greatly improved the quality of life in our state and I don't want to see them limited by unnecessary regulations.

I oppose your draft regulations limiting Local Brewery's and distilleries. The state should do everything it can to promote local businesses not limit them. Local Brewers provide great benefit to our local communities and should not be limited in the way that these proposed regulations. Our local breweries in alaska have been great supporters of our community by providing support for many local events that greatly improve our community and as I understand it your regulations will eliminate there ability to do so. I am strongly opposed to any change that would limit the aboulity of the breweries to support local events in the local community. Thanks for you time.

Thomas Kobylarz

**From:** [Brad Snow](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Definition of "recreational and gaming opportunities"  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 7:52:24 AM

---

AMCO,

I am writing to express my deep concern that the proposed restrictions on tasting facilities are punitive, draconian and unfair.

These establishments thrive because of the sense of community they achieve, and part of that community should be able to include fundraisers, celebrations and special events. The special-interest groups that support this new section are motivated by self-interest, jealousy, and spite.

There is also no validity whatsoever to the claim that these new regulations have any benefit of public safety or improvement of lifestyle; quite the opposite.

Thank you for your public service,

Brad Snow  
Fairbanks, Alaska

--

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.

[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_\\_https://www.avast.com/antivirus\\_\\_\\_!9\\_CTV20a17M!6C7qoAG-7MnZeewOz-4BbjGq38dKyIn38ZD1XqNeaJ5nkAfaPnobbASENYT2MQ-Cl\\_ES](https://urldefense.com/v3/___https://www.avast.com/antivirus___!9_CTV20a17M!6C7qoAG-7MnZeewOz-4BbjGq38dKyIn38ZD1XqNeaJ5nkAfaPnobbASENYT2MQ-Cl_ES)

**From:** [Carol Kleckner](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO regulations  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 8:00:47 AM

---

WHAT???? Please don't change the current laws for our craft breweries and distilleries.

Already these business are highly taxed and strictly regulated. They are places that I actually feel comfortable with having a drink. They have to close early (which the bars should be SO happy that often the people that stop for a drink and activities at one of them will leave and go to a bar that is open late) so I never worry about being on the road with a bunch of drunks.

Please! Leave them alone.

Carol Kleckner  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

**From:** [Jana Peirce](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose 3 AAC 304.390 restrictions  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 8:29:07 AM

---

Please do not let 3 AAC 304.390

become law. This is an unnecessary and burdensome regulation that will place additional barriers in front of already heavily regulated and taxed Alaska small businesses.

Alaska entrepreneurs and small businesses already face enough barriers due to distance from market, high cost of inputs and labor, and small populations. The State of Alaska should be supporting economic development and the diversification of our economy, not hindering it.

Craft breweries and distilleries are highly sought by tourists and young professionals. They boost economic development not just through the jobs, purchasing, and state revenue they provide, but also by making Alaska a more attractive place to work and visit, thus supporting jobs in other Alaska businesses as well.

Trying to put them out of business, which is what this statute is trying to do, is short-sighted and mean-spirited. It will hurt other small businesses and our communities.

Please do the fair thing and do not let it become law.

Jana Peirce  
1820 Lilac Ave.  
Fairbanks

\*\*\*\*\*

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

\*\*\*\*\*

--

Jana Peirce  
[janapeirce@gmail.com](mailto:janapeirce@gmail.com)  
(remember e before i as in "weird")  
907.322.2520 mobile

**From:** [John Peirce](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose 3 AAC 304.390 restrictions  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 8:33:38 AM

---

Please do not let 3 AAC 304.390

become law. This is an unnecessary and burdensome regulation that will place additional barriers in front of already heavily regulated and taxed Alaska small businesses.

Alaska entrepreneurs and small businesses already face enough barriers due to distance from market, high cost of inputs and labor, and small populations. The State of Alaska should be supporting economic development and the diversification of our economy, not hindering it.

Craft breweries and distilleries are highly sought by tourists and young professionals. They boost economic development not just through the jobs, purchasing, and state revenue they provide, but also by making Alaska a more attractive place to work and visit, thus supporting jobs in other Alaska businesses as well.

Trying to put them out of business, which is what this statute is trying to do, is short-sighted and mean-spirited. It will hurt other small businesses and our communities.

Please do the fair thing and do not let it become law.

John Peirce  
[1820](#) Lilac Ave  
Fairbanks, AK 99712



October 3, 2019

Bob Klein, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
550 W. Seventh Ave., Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

sent via email: [AMCO.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:AMCO.regs@alaska.gov)

Dear Mr. Klein and members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce encourages the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to reject the definitions lined out in 3 AAC 304.390. We would support a long-term solution in which the legislature overhauls the state's alcohol laws to protect businesses, their investments, and the progress that has already been made in this industry.

The recent definition provided in 3 AAC 304.390 does not align with our mission of creating a healthy economic environment for businesses. For years, the legislative and administrative leaders of Alaska have repeated the mantra "Alaska is Open for Business." We recognize that when the private sector succeeds individuals and communities succeed. When business owners succeed their employees succeed. Narrowly targeted regulations that negatively affect certain niche industries, such as this one, create unfair disadvantages and create unproductive bureaucratic hurdles to an otherwise healthy and growing industry in our state.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is charged with controlling the manufacture, barter, possession, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the state. Preventing events like yoga or group paint parties, running races or meet-ups, business networking events or other types of gatherings is a clear overreach of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. The new definition of "other recreational or gaming opportunities" has nothing to do with the control of alcoholic beverages.

Distilleries and breweries have a robust set of regulations that already tightly control their products and the physical space from which they operate their businesses. Added layers of regulations that further restrict this niche industry will jeopardize the successes that could be realized by these businesses through the investments they have already made.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce is a business advocacy organization representing over 650 Alaskan businesses by advocating for a healthy economic environment and promoting the Greater Fairbanks Area as an attractive place for business and community. We look forward to productive dialog on this issue in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marisa Sharrah".

Marisa Sharrah  
President & CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Dean".

Rebecca Dean  
Board Chair

## EXECUTIVE PARTNERS

### DIAMOND

Alaska Airlines  
Denali State Bank  
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner  
Foundation Health Partners  
Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, TVC Orthopedics & Sportsmedicine  
Lockheed Martin  
Mt. McKinley Bank  
Vivamore Companies

### PLATINUM

Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.  
ConocoPhillips  
Doyon, Limited  
Fred Meyer Stores  
GCI  
Golden Heart Utilities  
Kinross Fort Knox Mine  
MAC Federal Credit Union

### GOLD

Alaska Executive Search  
BP Exploration  
Carlson Center  
Design Alaska  
Doyon Utilities LLC  
First National Bank Alaska  
Matson Alaska  
Northern Star Pogo LLC  
Ravn Alaska  
TOTE Maritime Alaska  
Usibelli Coal Mine  
WAL-MART Stores, Inc.  
Wells Fargo Bank Alaska  
Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge

### SILVER

Ahtna Incorporated  
Alaska USA  
Alaska Railroad  
AT&T  
Crowley Fuels Alaska  
Everts Air Cargo, Everts Air AK  
Exclusive Paving/University Redi-Mix  
ExxonMobil  
Fairbanks Natural Gas  
Flowline Alaska  
Gene's Chrysler, Jeep & Dodge  
Golden Valley Electric Association  
Hale & Associates, Inc.  
Hilcorp Alaska, LLC  
HUB International  
JL Properties, Inc.  
Key Bank  
LifeMed Alaska  
Lynden  
McDonald's of Fairbanks  
Northrim Bank  
Personnel Plus  
Seekins Ford Lincoln  
Sourdough Fuel  
Spirit of Alaska Federal Credit Union  
TDL Staffing  
Tower Hill Mines-Livengood Gold Project  
Trilogy Metals  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Verizon Wireless  
Yukon Title Company

**From:** [Josh Hegna](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Entertainment at Breweries  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 9:00:03 AM

---

Hello ABC Board,

My name is Josh Hegna. I am the co-founder of Girdwood Brewing Company. We opened our doors less than three years ago, and the language AMCO has proposed to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" puts our business at risk. Hosting fundraisers, highlighting local artisans, and giving educational beer tours are core components of our business model and have been accepted over the last decade. It is completely UnAlaskan to allow a business to do something for years, only to pull the chair out from under them.

We are truly proud of the 15 jobs we have created. Girdwood Brewing Company is a vehicle of tourism, economic development, and a community gathering place. We drive traffic to our town, resulting in increased business for local restaurants, bars, shops, and lodging. Consumers want fresh and local, and we give it to them. If you truly want to promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska, then why stifle the growth of a budding industry?

Girdwood Brewing Company has been happy to support numerous non-profits through fundraisers and donations. Some of this has directly contributed to public safety- [Glacier Valley Transit](#), [Friends of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center](#), and [Alaska Avalanche School](#). Others have brought food to the table- [Girdwood community garden](#) and [Food Bank of Alaska](#). Additionally, we have helped [Challenge Alaska](#) all the kids' ski programs at [Alyeska Resort](#), [Arctic Valley Ski Area](#), [Alaska State Parks](#), [Alaska Trails](#), [Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance](#), [Girdwood Turnagain Arm Lions Club](#), our local school, and numerous other organizations. It would be especially sad if we had to cancel a celebration for our local firefighters this October.

Alaska breweries are already operating under some of the strictest laws in the country, and even though current statute states otherwise, our opponents say we should strictly manufacturer. Their opinion is, if we want privileges, we should pay to play and become a bar. The reality is we (a relatively small brewery) have paid over 300K for our brewing equipment alone and another 200K to create a nice bright atmosphere for our town to enjoy; this is more than most bar owners have paid for their BDL. Restaurants (REPL), pay significantly less to get started and are allowed tvs, live entertainment until 11:00, games, etc. We do not want to be a bar. All we want to do is serve our beer and our community.

With that said, we love our local bars and restaurants. Since the value of a BDL, in a limited entry (quota) state like Alaska is a big concern with our adversaries, it is worth mentioning we have other bar quota states to use as comparisons: California, Montana, Idaho, New Mexico, Arizona, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania to name a few. These states have afforded numerous privileges to their breweries, and bar licenses are still valued equal to or more than



Alaska. None of these quota states limit entertainment. Furthermore, other than Montana (48 ounces/8pm), the rest don't hamper hours of operation or try to over regulate pours. If Alaska is indeed "Open for business", it is time to modernize our brewery laws, not go backwards!

Thank you,

Josh Hegna

Co-Founder [Girdwood Brewing Company](#)

Beer Ambassador

907-830-2549

**From:** [Flip Pryor](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Sec 04.11.130 brewery license  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 9:01:44 AM

---

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

Since 2006, the statute allowing brewery retail sales has been working for the State of Alaska. Breweries have based their business plans on AMCO's long-standing interpretation of the statute, which allows activities not expressly prohibited by the statute, thus offering things like classes, tours and talks to set breweries apart from bars. If the intent of the statute was to prevent all non-sampling activity, why was the statute not written as such? As Alaska continues to struggle to grow its economy, breweries are one of the few bright spots, despite operating under some of the strictest laws in the country. Why would the state now seek to restrict jobs and economic growth with additional restrictions on breweries? And how do these additional restrictions fit into Governor Dunleavy's "open for business" philosophy? Please, respect the intent of the statute and the people of this state by taking no further action.

Thank you for your consideration!

-flip

Flip Pryor  
4000 Diane Road  
Juneau, AK 99801

**CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-2755**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA OPPOSING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CONTROL BOARD'S PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 3 AAC 304.390, DEFINING 'RECREATIONAL AND GAMING OPPORTUNITIES'; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Statute AS 04.11.130 and AS 04.11.170 allows breweries and distilleries to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises contingent upon the prohibition of on-site live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has issued a notice of proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390 of the Alaska Administrative Code, regarding the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities as it pertains to breweries and distilleries to include festivals, games and competitions, classes, non-private parties, presentations or performances, or other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ketchikan currently contains one licensed brewery, Bawden Street Brewing, located within its municipal boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, local breweries and distilleries diversify our local economy and provide for unique entertainment, gastronomic, and cultural enrichment experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, the licensure and successful operation of Bawden Street Brewing may usher in new economic growth opportunities for small businesses wishing to serve, sell, or manufacture alcoholic beverages within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the growth and interest in community-oriented tasting rooms has contributed to the City's economy and downtown development, engaging locals and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment will severely stifle these economic growth opportunities and will hinder events and gatherings that may support and contribute to the community in significant ways; and

**WHEREAS**, AS 04.06.100 tasks the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board with adopting regulations that are "necessary to carry out the purpose of this title [Title 4 – Alcoholic Beverages] in a manner that will protect public health, safety, and welfare;" and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed definition provides no additional public health, safety, or welfare benefit while conversely introducing possible harm to the City of Ketchikan's downtown development and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the current limitations on breweries and distilleries, through the restrictions imposed on tasting rooms, are substantial enough to distinguish their business model from other establishments, such as bars and restaurants.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

**Section 1:** The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska opposes the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390 and respectfully requests that the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board not adopt Section 3 AAC 304.390 to define 'other recreational or gaming opportunities' as proposed.

**Section 2:** The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska strongly encourages the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to engage all stakeholders before considering a regulation change of this magnitude.

**Section 3:** The City of Ketchikan shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the State of Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office.

**Section 4:** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of October, 2019.

  
Robert Sivertsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kim Stanker, City Clerk

**From:** [Caleb Wylie](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to new regulations on breweries and distilleries.  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 9:59:18 AM

---

The proposed changes to regulations language regarding recreation and gaming opportunities should not be adopted.

These changes seem arbitrary, without merit, and punitive to small businesses in Alaska. We should be encouraging entrepreneurs in our state, not placing arbitrary rules on how they may run their businesses.

Please consider this feedback and scrap the ill-conceived proposed changes.

Respectfully,  
Caleb Wylie

**From:** [Morgan Bruno](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed new regulations  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 10:02:15 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the proposed change to 3 AAC 304.390 regarding definitions of other recreational or gaming opportunities which would restrict the ability of our local microbreweries, cideries, and meaderies to hold events such as First Friday art events, fundraising events, and "other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public".

I think this proposed regulation is very misguided, and a real detriment to small businesses in our State at a time when the economic circumstances are already difficult. I don't go out often, but when I do, I much prefer to join my friends for a social drink at these small businesses/tasting rooms rather than a bar. They are quieter, less rowdy, and frankly provide a much higher quality product. The entire experience is better. And it is generally these activities that the new regulation seeks to prohibit that brings me out to the tasting rooms when I do make it out. Am I going out of my way to go drink beer on a random Tuesday for no reason? No. But if I can go out and meet my friends and support a cause I care about while drinking beer at a fundraiser event? That is much more likely to entice me to go out and spend money and contribute to our local economy, rather than just staying home and not spending money.

Prohibiting these additional activities will not do anything to reduce alcohol problems in Alaska. People with severe alcohol problems who drink too much while out and cause drunk driving accidents or commit violent crimes while under the influence aren't doing so because of tasting rooms, where consumption is already limited. And certainly hosting community events at a tasting room doesn't encourage anyone to engage in behavior any different than they would while going to a tasting room where those events aren't allowed.

Disallowing these fun community events at tasting rooms may reduce traffic to these businesses and reduce the amount of money from the community supporting these small businesses, while not positively impacting any of the concerns the citizens of this State have about alcohol consumption. I urge you to reconsider this proposed regulation change.

Thank you,  
Morgan Bruno



Robinson Family  
PO Box 1364  
Delta Junction, AK 99737

October 1, 2019

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ste 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: 3AAC 304.390, Notice of Proposed Changes on Definitions of Recreation or Gaming Opportunities in the Regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board issued 8/26/19 as regulation #2019200678

To Whom It May Concern:

We are contacting you with great apprehension pertaining to the proposed changes to the definitions of the recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. While we understand and appreciate the efforts of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to hold the alcohol industry accountable and responsible as a part of the Alaska economy, the current proposed changes appear to be an act of overreach with the likelihood of negative impacts on Alaska's economy.

Our greatest concern is for the small businesses and hardworking Alaskans that will feel the direct and indirect impacts of the new regulation. Unfortunately, the breweries and distilleries that will be hit the hardest by the new regulations are the small businesses and individuals that have already taken great risks to step into the industry in the first place. Many of them have used their life savings, pulled from their retirement funds, borrowed from family members, and signed for small business bank loans just to get started. They are competing with large scale national brands and have had to develop their products to be of a unique and high standard. For them, developing a market has not been as simple as sending samples as part of bulk orders. These small business distilleries and breweries have had to invest countless dollars and time into their marketing. They have counted on their products and their people to create a brand that can compete with the larger companies. It is a constant struggle for small businesses to make it in a world driven by convenience. To place the burden of new regulation on them is an unfair overreach bound to break not only the businesses, but the individuals who have invested so much into them.

Aside from our fear for the distilleries and breweries, we also have a great deal of concern for the various other Alaskan businesses and industries that will feel the indirect impacts of the regulation changes. Artists and food service businesses who partake in classes or events at the distilleries/breweries will struggle to fill the void. Carpenters, architects, electricians, and contractors who work on the design, set-up, and routine maintenance will have to make up for that revenue elsewhere in yet another highly competitive industry. For us, personally, it's the agricultural industry. We have sold our barley to various breweries and distilleries across the State and currently hold the Anchorage Distillery as one of our most valued customers. They take great pride in offering Alaskan "grain to glass" products and have found a niche in doing so. We have been with them since the start-up of their operation and have watched them grow their product into something that Alaskans can be proud of. With each step of business growth their barley usage has increased bringing us income that we

in turn put back into our community. By our example, you can see these proposed changes are bound to have negative impacts on many industries, businesses, and Alaskans.

With that, we kindly ask you to strongly consider the changes to the definitions of the recreational and gaming opportunities and understand what is at stake with implementing such changes. If you look at the broad picture, you will surely see that this is not what Alaska needs at this time.

Respectfully,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'John Robinson' and the second, on the right, is 'Kasey Peterson-Robinson'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Robinson & Kasey Peterson-Robinson



**From:** [Phylicia Christian](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to further brewery restrictions  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 11:33:27 AM

---

Good morning,

I am emailing to voice my opposition to further restrictions on alaskan breweries/distilleries.

In my experience, brewery and distillery owners want to support the communities in which they are located. I think their participation in supporting local organizations and the arts is desirable, and something we should applaud instead of attempt to regulate away.

I oppose further regulation of breweries and distilleries. Please allow them to continue to support their communities through fundraising events, classes, art galleries, etc.

Thank you,

Phylicia Christian

**From:** [ryan norkoli](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against More Restrictions on Breweries  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 11:37:59 AM

---

I am against new regulations to limit types of planned events breweries are allowed to hold. I support less regulation on the brewing industry.

Ryan Norkoli  
907-519-8621

**From:** [Galen Eggleston](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Changes ACC 304.390  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 11:49:17 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

The proposed addition of language to the regulation of brewers and distilleries will do nothing but squash small businesses and their surrounding communities. I have yet to hear how this proposition is supposed to benefit Alaskan communities. Isn't that the point of passing things like this? Please opt not to limit the success of these people and their customers/communities. Breweries provide a place unlike anywhere else where people can gather and raise support for their groups. There are already plenty of restrictions on the brewers (Serving limits and restricted hours) to prevent them from competing directly with bars and restaurants. Taking events away from these facilities would be a devastating blow to the beverage manufacturers and the people who depend on their generous support to keep their, usually volunteer, groups afloat. No businesses will suffer if this additional language is dropped, but if it is accepted, many Alaskans will pay the price. Thank you for your time, I hope you make the right decision.

-Galen Eggleston

**From:** [Jeanie Cole](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to ABC regulations  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 12:31:20 PM

---

Please reconsider proposed changes to ABC regulations for distilleries. Although it sounds like the regulations do need to be updated, more thought is needed. Updated draft regulations should be developed through discussion and collaboration with the boroughs, State legislature, and small business owners.

Regulations should focus on health and safety. The proposed regulations do not. It seems like allowing the distilleries to host events improves safety as there is usually food available nearby at food trucks or snacks inside. The first Friday events attract people who not there to drink, but to see the art.

One effect of the draft regulations would be to eliminate first Friday art events at local distilleries. Fairbanks is suffering from the loss of venues for arts and small events. Most of the art galleries in Fairbanks have closed. These distilleries provide one more venue for local artists to display their work and for patrons to see and purchase the work. It also helps other local businesses by drawing people into the downtown area.

Jeanie Cole  
3190 Gabes Way  
Fairbanks, AK 99712

**From:** [Matthew Austin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Writing in Regards to Further Limitations of Tasting Rooms  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 12:31:33 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to limiting tasting rooms any further. The breweries, distilleries, and wineries/cideries of this state have changed the way many people consume alcohol for the better. The tasting rooms attached to these local businesses have become safe, family friendly, social gathering places to responsibly enjoy their products. They are also community minded businesses sponsoring local artists, sporting and exercise events promoting healthy and active lifestyles, and community clean up and educational events. These businesses are thriving despite the already unnecessary and antiquated restrictions already in place. This success shows the literal and figurative thirst of the community for a new place and a new way to consume their alcohol, in a responsible, constructive, and positive environment. By further hamstringing these tasting rooms with even more archaic regulations and not allowing them to promote such positive community events you may affect the bottom line of some of these businesses in a negative way, but sadly the largest negative impact will be to the wonderful communities these tasting rooms strive to build up and make better. In short, we all lose with more restrictions to these local businesses that have become such important pillars of the community. I hope you make the correct decision to help these tasting rooms to continue to build up the community rather than tear it down with more restrictions.

Sincerely,  
Matt Austin

**From:** [Nancy Rabener](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on Draft Regulations in 3AAC304  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 12:35:12 PM

---

October 4, 2019

To: DCCED, AMCO

Re: Below are my comments on the proposed changes on definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

**Please send me email confirmation** that you have received this email.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Rabener  
890 Haida Lane Fairbanks AK 99712

The Mission statement on the web page of the DCCED:  
Promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska.

The Mission statement on the web page of the AMCO:  
Enforce alcohol and marijuana commerce laws and provide clear, consistent standards for licensure to protect the public from harm.

These ABC proposed regulations have nothing to do with the above mission statements of promoting public health, strength, or protection.

The fact that they are even being proposed causes one to think they are actually a thinly-veiled attempt to protect bar owners who fear competition. Competition is the heart of American Capitalism.

A few effects of these draft regulations:  
Would ban hosting fund raisers for charities

- Would ban First Friday Art events
- Would ban birthday parties
- Would ban tours of breweries
- Would violate First Amendment rights
- Would strangle budding and popular Alaska-owned businesses

In Fairbanks, we are suffering a dismal reality of the loss of venues for arts and small events and of small-business specialty stores. Before the 2008 Recession, Fairbanks enjoyed at least 5 private art galleries and several specialty shops. Due to many closures (most impacted either quickly or slowly by the recession), today we have only 2 commercial galleries, with 1 of those due to close shortly. I can think of at least five specialty shops that have shut their doors.

Today, with some small distilleries and breweries hosting some First Friday Art events and fund raisers, people have a new uplifting venue. These businesses have proven to be comfortable gathering places for charitable events and venues for artists that might once have been hosted by the deceased galleries. They are filling a niche and lifting up the town spirit and economy. We are grateful for them.

Example: What would be harmful for, say, an advertised event showcasing art work of a budding Alaskan artist with a guitarist sitting in the corner playing music? The answer is, Nothing harmful. In fact, it would be socially spirit-lifting, economically enhancing, and it would promote a strong community, especially in a town like Fairbanks that has lost so many social and economic venues.

The fact is, these draft regulations would place a tourniquet on economic growth of small businesses that are owned, enjoyed, and supported by Alaskans. These businesses would be stifled; they could shrivel and die. Why in the world would we want to do that? When you cripple Alaska's businesses, in turn you cripple Alaska's spirit.

Where will it all stop? These draft regulations cause me to wonder: would next in line be government regulations of, say, local greenhouses to keep them

strictly in the line of horticulture, prevent them from hosting First Fridays with crafts and music performances? Curtail their free speech and impede their economic vitality?

Who would want to live in a stifled community?

I am not against regulations in general. I am grateful for regulations that serve an important role in keeping society safe, healthy, and fair.

When I read these dismal draft regulations, all I can think of is Mean-Spiritedness. The whole picture is sorry to contemplate, and actually an embarrassment that these draft regs are even being proposed.



**From:** [Dana](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation Overreach  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 12:52:11 PM

---

I strongly disagree with the new proposed strangling of our tasting rooms. Personally, I have watched Girdwood Brewing Co become an integral part of our community. They add vibrancy, diversity, and options in Girdwood.

Don't ruin capitalism, commerce, & community with government overreach.

Respectfully,  
Dana Stahla

Sent from my iPhone

**Cynosure Brewing**

144 E. Potter Dr.; Unit E  
Anchorage, AK 99518  
(907) 563-2966



**DELIVERY VIA EMAIL to [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov)**

October 3, 2019

Alcohol Beverage Control Board  
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ste. 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**RE: Proposed Regulations Defining “Recreational Opportunities”**

Dear AMCO Director and Members of the ABC Board:

We write to provide comments in opposition to the proposed regulations defining “other recreational or gaming opportunities” under AS 04.11.130(e)(1). We are the owners of Cynosure Brewing, a small brewery in Anchorage. Cynosure opened in September 2016, with years of investment and planning preceding the opening. Clarke Pelz has over 20 years of commercial brewing experience in Alaska, and Cindy Drinkwater is a former assistant attorney general with the Alaska Department of Law.

We focus our opposition on two points: the proposed regulations should be rejected because (1) they are a significant departure from the long-standing interpretation of AS 04.11.130(e) and conflict with basic rules of statutory construction, (2) they are vague, overbroad, and unenforceable. They are also bad public policy, as many other comments have noted.

**I. The proposed regulations are a departure from the long-standing interpretation of AS 04.11.130(e) and violate a fundamental rule of statutory construction.**

Alaska Statute 04.11.130(e) allows breweries to sell a limited amount of beer on premises to a person as long as the brewery does not allow “live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or **other recreational or gaming opportunities**[.]”

The proposed regulations purport to clarify AS 04.11.130(e) by defining “**other recreational or gaming opportunities**.” The regulations expand the list of activities to include: “(1) festivals; (2) games and competitions; (3) classes; (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests; (5) presentations or performances; (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.”

---



Alaska Statute 04.11.130(e), which allows breweries to engage in retail sales but with numerous restrictions, has been in place since 2006 and was a result of a compromise between industry subgroups.<sup>1</sup> The concern at the time of passage was that breweries with tasting rooms be distinct from pubs or bars; hence the limited hours (last pour at 8pm), limited pour amounts (36 oz per person per day) physical limitations (no stools at the bar), and limited activities (no live entertainment, no TVs, no pool tables, no dancing, no darts, etc.). Since 2006 breweries have opened and operated with the understanding of these limitations and that activities were allowed unless explicitly prohibited by the statute.

Nothing in the statute or legislative history supports the agency's interpretation banning activities like presentations or classes or celebrations. In addition to prohibiting a variety of community-focused, beneficial activities (fundraisers for non-profits and other causes, yoga and other classes, and educational presentations, for example), these regulations would lead to absurd results: a brewer would be banned from giving a brewery tour, or giving a talk about recently brewed beer, or even advertising a new beer release (since such advertising could be interpreted as aimed at creating an "organized social gathering." Or perhaps any advertising for a taproom would be illegal for this reason). Such a fundamentally illogical consequence could not have been intended by the legislature or contemplated by those involved in the compromise statute.

By expanding the types of activities prohibited under AS 04.11.130(e), the proposed definitions run afowl of a canon of statutory construction known as *ejusdem generis* ("of the same kind"). This rule provides that when a general word or phrase follows a list of specifics, the general word or phrase will be interpreted to include only items of the same class as those listed. Blacks Law Dictionary (10th ed. 2014). *See also State v. Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest*, 436 P.3d 984, 995-96 (2019) ("Under the interpretive canon *ejusdem generis*, when a general term follows specific terms, the general term 'will be interpreted in light of the characteristics of the specific term, absent clear indications to the contrary.'").

The term "other recreational or gaming opportunities" must be interpreted in the context of the specific examples listed in the statute (i.e. pool tables, darts, televisions, live entertainment). By expanding the types of activities prohibited by the statute, the proposed definition conflicts with the intent of AS 04.11.130(e) and with well-established rules of

---

<sup>1</sup> We are unaware of any state with a more restrictive brewery law. AS 04.11.130(e) provides:  
Unless prohibited by AS 04.16.030, a holder of a brewery license may sell not more than 36 ounces a day of the brewery's product to a person for consumption on the premises if  
(1) the brewery does not allow live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities on the premises where the consumption occurs:  
(2) the brewery does not provide seats at the counter or bar where the product is served; and  
(3) the room where the consumption occurs is not open before 9:00 a.m. and serving of the product ends not later that 8:00 p.m.



statutory construction. Because the proposed regulations are legally flawed, we urge the ABC Board to reject them.

**2. The proposed regulations raise constitutional concerns because they are vague, overbroad, and unenforceable.**

Rather than attempt a constitutional analysis in the context of these comments, a few examples will illustrate just some of the inherent legal problems created by the proposed regulations.

- If customers wear clothing associated with a particular religious holiday, are breweries obligated to deny them access because the clothing is a religious celebration, forcing breweries to violate customers' first amendment rights? ("Festival" is not defined in the regulation but the dictionary definition refers to "a day or period of celebration")
- At what point does a conversation about politics or religion become a "presentation?" by a participant in the conversation? Are breweries meant to monitor private conversations to ensure that presentations are not being made? Since private parties are allowed, must breweries ensure that parties are not celebrating a holiday or giving presentations, including religious celebrations or political speech?
- How would breweries monitor customers' cell phone or lap top usage to ensure that they are not playing on-line games or engaging in competitions?
- What is the state's plan for indemnifying breweries, since the regulations turns licensees into state actors required to violate customers' rights of privacy and first amendment protections in order to comply with the regulations?
- What is the basis for the state to deny a brewer his or her right to engage in free speech, which includes speech about the product he or she makes or explaining how beer is made?
- What is the basis for the state to deny a brewery the right to hold an event that includes political speech?
- If a server explains what a particular beer is or explains the breweries history, is that an illegal presentation? Is a menu describing the brewery's story or the brewing process or the beers on tap an illegal written presentation?
- If a food truck advertises that they are parked at a brewery and a group of friends show up to buy food and get a beer, is that an illegal advertised social activity? If *any* group of people arrive at a brewery together do breweries need to question them to determine whether their presence was prompted by advertising?

In conclusion, we urge the ABC Board to take no action on these proposed regulations because of the legal flaws described above. The regulations are also bad public policy and will stifle a growing industry that is enthusiastically supported by Alaskan consumers, creates jobs, draws tourism, positively impacts local economies, and builds community.

Sincerely,



Cynthia C. Drinkwater  
Owner/Manager



Clarke A. Pelz  
Owner/Brewer

cc: Senator Natasha Van Imhoff  
Senator Tom Begich  
Representative Chris Tuck  
Representative Geran Tarr

**From:** [Sarah Glaser](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments against proposed changes in 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 1:20:18 PM

---

Dear Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes in 3 AAC 304, which would restrict the abilities of breweries and distilleries to host certain public events.

These public events - including First Fridays, live music, classes, presentations, and other social gatherings - are integral to our community. As a local artist, I can personally attest to the importance of distilleries and breweries as vibrant art spaces. They provide safe, supportive environments for gathering with friends, show-casing small businesses, and celebrating our community. The revenue from First Fridays keeps local art alive and keeps young people excited about supporting small businesses.

Bars do not support art and small businesses in the same way that distilleries and breweries do: bars have poor lighting and customers interested in partying, drinking, or playing bar games rather than looking at art with their families in well-lit spaces.

Curtailing breweries' and distilleries' ability to foster community only hurts residents and the same people that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is intended to serve.

I look forward to following how the ABC Board proceeds with this issue and will be getting in touch with my representatives.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Glaser  
4303 Needle Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99508

--



**SARAH K. GLASER**

t. 207 449 2266

w. [sarahkglaser.be](http://sarahkglaser.be)



**From:** [Olivia Edwards](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 regulation change  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 1:37:30 PM

---

Hello,

I am a constituent in Fairbanks. I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed changes regarding the definition of “other recreation or gaming opportunities”. These recent regulatory attacks toward our local breweries and distilleries are a disgrace and completely unfounded. I proudly support all of the local businesses that would be negatively impacted by these changes. The events that would be limited under these changes promote strong community involvement and collaboration which translates to a friendly and fun environment for our residents. I believe these changes are malicious in nature originating from bar owners in Alaska that feel their business threatened by local alcohol manufacturers. I am here to express that these fears are unfounded. The specific customer niche that distilleries and breweries fill does not directly overlap with traditional bars. These changes would negatively affect our community and I do not know anyone in favor of them. I urge you to oppose these changes and support local business endeavors aimed to strengthen our economy. Thank you for your time.

Cheers,  
Olivia Edwards  
Fairbanks, AK

Oct. 4. 2019

Comments to the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office regarding proposed regulatory changes to the definitions regarding “other recreational gaming opportunities”.

The proposed changes are onerous and inimical to the operation and success of the growing distilling, brewing and tasting room industry. First Friday events are a particularly valuable adjunct to these businesses which contribute much to our community’s creative population. Your proposed regulations would prohibit these desirable functions. Other valued functions would similarly be proscribed. Some are festivals, tours, games, competitions, classes, and other social gatherings. Instead of creating greater restrictions on these businesses, you should be loosening the existing ones that are already too confining.

This appears to be an effort driven by the bar owners to stifle competition. It will wind up stifling many enjoyable and rewarding community activities in the process. You shouldn’t be in the role picking winners and losers among legitimate businesses. So long as public good and safety are not compromised, fair competition should sort out winners and losers.

I urge you to heed the bipartisan group of legislators who have stated that your proposal **does not** reflect their legislative intent and who want you to shelve the proposal so they can clarify their intent during the next legislative session.

Frank Maxwell  
POB 84862, Fairbanks, AK 99708  
maxwellasfrank@gmail.com



**From:** [Lanny Mommsen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Against More Restrictions on Breweries  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 1:58:37 PM

---

Correction below!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2019, at 1:45 PM, Lanny Mommsen <[lannymommsen@yahoo.com](mailto:lannymommsen@yahoo.com)> wrote:

I am against new regulations to limit types of planned events breweries are allowed to hold. I love going to things like first Friday at my local brewery. I don't like the bar atmosphere so its not taking away my business- I'm not going to a bar anyway. I support less regulation on the brewing industry- there is no reason a brewery should \*\*\*NOT\*\*\* be able to do things like first Friday that increase local economy and business as well as residents quality of life.

Lanny Mommsen

Anchorage Ak

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Matti Silta](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 Public Comment  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 2:06:18 PM

---

Dear Alcohol Beverage Control Board,

I want to express my opposition to the 3 AAC 304.390 regulation addition. This change will impact the community in a negative way. Tasting rooms are the future of social inebriation and the state needs to give breweries and distilleries their full support.

When I travel out of state, I love to sample the local brewery offerings. A good local brewery will give a visitor a sense of place. They use local ingredients and are creating a beautiful in-house product that is served by the community. It is very difficult to ignore the differences in tasting rooms compared to those of Alaska. The lower 48 states support the establishments, instead of trying to limit their customer base and growth. Support at the state level gives the businesses the confidence and opportunity to thrive and continue producing excellent products, which attract out of state attention.

The AMCO is truly out of touch with the community, if this regulation passes. It will hurt the community, and cause a greater divide between the regulators and the regulated.

Do not adopt the regulation changes to 3 AAC 304.

Thank you,

-Matti Silta

**From:** [D titus](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Brewery Regulations Clarification  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 2:57:48 PM

---

**Attention Alaska Alcoholic Control Beverage Board**

**Re: Feedback for your proposed clarifications to regulations governing breweries**

**We find your proposal to further narrow the activities that can take place at Alaska's breweries to not be in interest of public health, safety and welfare of the Alaskan citizens you have a duty to represent rather you have the ear of a small minority of business owners of liquor licenses.**

**It's too bad you did not point out to this lobby that we live or should live in a free market society where consumers have many choices and when business fails it is not up to government to shut down other businesses from opportunities that is fulfilling customer needs. It's not the public's problem to alleviate the high cost of liquor licenses that holders have jacked up the cost of purchasing a license to prohibitive levels when the state licensing fees are reasonable by restricting markets. Also, many bars around the state have been in business for years and have drained the life out of their premises and not invested in upkeep instead choosing to take all their profits for their personal gain believing government will guarantee their barstools will be filled by government regulations.**

**Every brewery we have patronized in Alaska has been clean, safe and produced admirable products in a refreshing, welcoming manner. A wonderful experience to the typical bar scene. You should consider writing regulations in support of this new innovative business model that has enriched the Alaskan economy.**

**Feel free to contact us if you have questions or need further comments on 907-250-4691. We are counting on you to truly do what is best for all Alaskans.**

**Regards,**

**Dean & Dottie Titus**

**PO Box 3016**

**Kenai AK 99611**



**From:** [John Davies](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed change to alcohol regulations  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 3:04:54 PM

---

I am opposed to the proposed definition of recreational and gaming opportunities. These are completely unnecessary and would eliminate many social events that are enjoyed by many folks in our community. They serve no public purpose and tilt the “free enterprise “ field in favor of certain establishments at the expense of others. Let the market choose. In fact, there is not much real competition here: the clientele are quite distinct. So even the tilt or protection rationale is unnecessary. Don’t pass this proposed change that nobody wants!

John Davies  
1998 Kittiwake Drive  
Fairbanks AK 99709  
(907) 474-4927

Sent from John Davies' iPhone

**From:** [Linda Schandelmeier](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes to Alcohol and Marijuana Regulations  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 3:07:40 PM

---

Dear AMCO Board,

I am totally opposed to the proposed changes to the regulations that govern our Alaska breweries and distilleries, re: Proposed Definition of Recreational and Gaming Opportunities.

These breweries and distilleries are small businesses which enhance our local economy. Many people frequent them. The activities these regulations would prohibit benefit our community by raising funds for local nonprofits and offering a showcase for local artists.

I believe they cater to a different clientele than other businesses that sell alcohol. For example, I rarely go to a bar to drink because I don't like the atmosphere. I believe if these regulations were added they would be unlikely to improve traffic at bars.

Sincerely,

Linda Schandelmeier

**From:** [Kara Tetley](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO regulatory changes  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 3:37:30 PM

---

When AMCO starts taking away public spaces that already exist and begins dictating how and where a community can gather, the organization is only hurting the community.

The understanding is that the bars pay higher prices to be a bar, but the distilleries and breweries have production costs to create their product using unique equipment that bars do not have. Should what either pay matter when no laws are broken? Is it necessary to rewrite the laws? These taprooms already follow the stiff regulations AMCO puts on them but many of these taprooms across the state have built their business plans around the laws. To change them now so that bars potentially get all rights to gathering spaces or event business would have Alaska moving in the wrong direction. Why can a person throw an open-invitation birthday party in a restaurant that only serves beer and wine and is open for long hours, but not in a brewery? Why do restaurants without a full bar license get to host First Friday artists or offer writing classes but not a distillery? The tasting rooms across the state give the citizens of Alaska the opportunity to gather with other members of the community in a variety of places. It isn't taking business away from particular bar owners, it is opening up venues for those that want other options than their home or a bar. Taprooms and tasting rooms are booming across the country providing jobs, an enjoyable community for locals and interests for visitors to these cities.

One recent example is of 25-year Alaskan Brewing employee who moved to Minnesota to open [Rapids Brewing Co](#) this year. Their mission is to create great beer and food using locally sourced ingredients, and provide a warm and welcoming space for visitors and locals to **"come together over a beer, enjoy great food and live music, and gather for events big and small...or no reason at all"**.

There is plenty of room and business for both bars and tasting rooms to live harmoniously in this state and for the most part, they seem to be. Bar owners attend events at breweries and distilleries and tasting room owners drink in bars. This division will only make Alaska a less desirable place to live work and play. We will continue to see long-standing residents of Alaska move south to states that allow them to open a community facing establishment without having to constantly fight to stay in business. Gyms offer yoga classes, but some folks still prefer a different kind of space so attend classes in yoga studios. They don't have trainers available or pay for large cardio machines or weights, but having an alternative isn't taking away from the gym - it's giving choices to the community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope AMCO fully considers the effects this decision will have on our state.

Regards,  
Kara Tetley

**From:** [Interim Manager - Janine Allen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Haines Brewing Company as a vibrant gathering place  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 3:49:33 PM

---

To whom it may concern --

I am writing on behalf of KHNS Community Radio to voice support for the Haines Brewing Company as an essential community meeting place. I understand the state Alcohol Board is considering restricting community events and meetings at breweries; I urge the Board to reconsider, as such a decision would be very detrimental to the arts and cultural community of Haines -- of which KHNS is a part.

KHNS has held our annual meeting at the brewery for several years now. We hold our meeting there because in our small, rural town, our local brewery is truly a community spot. Community members of various political leanings, faiths, and age ranges (21+ and up, of course, and some children with their legal guardians) come together at the Haines Brewing Company in a way they don't in most other locations in town. These community members include the diverse listening audience and membership of KHNS Community Radio. Not least because when you walk in the door of the Haines Brewing Company, you're likely to hear KHNS playing in the background.

Since we moved the location of our annual meetings to the brewery, we've had a better turnout, a more engaged and interested audience and a better ability to address more of our listeners and supporters in person.

Haines Brewing Company has done so much to support the local arts scene (including KHNS and First Friday events) and to promote the wellbeing of our community members by creating a welcoming, friendly space for people to gather. They already work with strict regulations in place, and I urge you to refrain from further restricting them by limiting the types of gatherings that can happen in the brewery. Such a decision would be to the detriment of our community.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

Janine Allen

Janine Allen  
KHNS Interim General Manager

---

office hours: Monday through Thursday



**907-766-2020 ext. 3 (office) // 907-303-2228 (cell)**

PO Box 1109 // Haines, AK 99827

**Kay Clements returns from sabbatical Feb. 2020**

Write your message for AMCO here

Please stop trying  
to limit tasting  
rooms/distilleries/  
breweries' abilities!  
Give bars more  
freedom instead; Bars  
are just jealous of the  
successes of the small  
businesses. Everyone  
enjoys the breweries/  
distilleries/tasting rooms  
much more than  
bars in this town.

- Lydia Johnson,

Fairbanks

ALASKAN FRONTIER

025 SEP

02 OCT 2019 PM 11



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT 04 2019



# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

Write your message for AMCO here

I am in full support of allowing  
Tasting Rooms at  
Distilleries & breweries  
to host events,  
Classes, fundraisers,  
talks, etc. It is  
a safe and inviting  
atmosphere that  
supports and grows  
our community, it  
helps to support local  
businesses & organizations.  
Please do not put further  
restrictions.

ALASKAN FRONTIER

02 OCT 2019 PM 1 L



Mail to: State of Alaska  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control  
Board

550 West 7th Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

AMCO

OCT 04 2019

Sincerely, Judith Green

# DRINK LOCAL

Support Alaskan Alcohol Manufacturers  
Breweries  
Distilleries  
Wineries

---

September 30, 2019

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste. 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

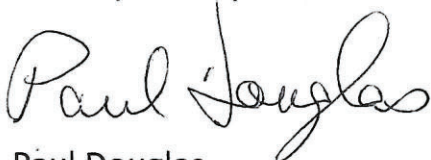
Re: 3 AAC 304.390(a)

As a 20-year resident of Juneau, Alaska I have been privileged numerous times over the years to host, to attend, and to participate in "other recreational or gaming opportunities" identified in the proposed changes in the regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Many instances of open to the public events can be cited that currently occur in tasting rooms in Juneau including educational tours and lectures on the products served by the manufacturer, First Friday art exhibits, non-profit agency sponsored information and fundraising events, and many more. Defining these types of opportunities as unacceptable to be conducted in tasting rooms not only obstructs the manufacturer from educating the public about their product but also prevents the general public from enjoying access to artistic, cultural and humanitarian events and opportunities.

In short, the entire Juneau community will suffer if this proposed change to regulations becomes law.

Thank you for your consideration,



Paul Douglas  
3014 Foster Ave.  
Juneau, AK 99801

AMCO  
OCT 03 2019

# Toivo Luick Hoarfrost Distilling



4345 Driftwood Court, Fairbanks, AK 99709  
907-460-7918  
[toivo@hoarfrost.vodka](mailto:toivo@hoarfrost.vodka)

23 September 2019

Dear Members of the ABC Board:

I am very concerned about Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office's (AMCO) proposed regulations defining "recreational or other gaming opportunities". The Office's proposed regs fail to clarify the statutes as written. In fact, the new definition increases the uncertainty of what is allowable, and they appear to massively increase the scope of AMCO's authority beyond statutory language.

## The Issue

A year or more ago AMCO announced that it would draft regulations to clarify parts of Sec. 04.11.170 (distillery license). Of course, the same proposed regulation pertains to breweries and wineries as well. We recently heard about the proposed regulations for the first time, which are simply a definition of "other recreational or gaming opportunities". The new definition reads as follows:

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read:

3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.

(a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

(Eff. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_) Authority: AS 04.06.090 AS 04.06.100 AS 04.11.130 AS 04.11.140  
AS 04.11.170

I do not believe that this definition is a good faith attempt to clarify what is written in statute. Nor does

AMCO

OCT - 3 2019



it fulfill the mission of AMCO to protect public health, safety and welfare, which are the justification for AMCO's power to create regulations.

My complaints about the definition are that It is so vague that I can't easily tell what is included (it seems to include nearly everything), it doesn't help protect public health, safety and welfare, and It doesn't reflect legislative intent of our statutes as written.

Some examples of distillery activities that I worry would be banned under this definition:

- We provide tours of our distillery. We strive to be entertaining and educational. This is an important part of our appeal to tourists. We are very highly rated as a tourist activity in Fairbanks. By this definition tours might be banned either as "classes" or "presentations".
- We host display the work of local artists and host First Friday openings. This might be banned as a "presentation" or "other types of organized social gathering". There is a lack of space for local artists to display and sell their work. We are an important way for local artists to connect with tourists and have helped sell a great deal of local art.
- We release specialty products such as liqueurs made from local berries on an irregular basis. Of course, these always come with a public announcement or advertisement. This seems likely to be banned as "other type of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public".
- We teach classes in making liquor infusions, bitters, liqueurs and special cocktails from time to time. This seems to be proscribed as either "class" or "presentation".
- Birthday parties? Holiday celebrations? End of school year teacher's parties? These all seem to fall under "parties" of "festivals".

It has been noted many times that some people in AMCO and other places would like tasting rooms to not be allowed to attempt to draw in customers and keep them. As a distillery that only sells two drinks per person, I don't want people taking up chairs for hours either. However I see nothing in statute that gives AMCO authority over how long customers spend at a distillery, brewery or winery.

### Instead Let's Try

As a distillery license holder, I agree that the statutes could use some clarity of definition. I strongly feel that this regulations package should be scrapped and started over. By and large I agree with the statutes as written and I would like to see the following clarifications made to 04.11.170:

- (e) (1) Games and game tables I have always taken to mean things like arcade games, foosball, and the like. **Chess, smartphone games, tablet or laptop games should be allowed if the public brings them.** I can't imagine AMCO having the authority to say what members of the public can and can't use their smartphones for in our distillery or anywhere. Neither should I have to police if a group starts discussing their fantasy football league picks. What harm does a game of chess do besides take up two of my chairs and a table for a while?



- (e) (1) I have always taking gaming in "other recreational or gaming opportunities" to mean pulltabs, bingo, shout-out trivia games and the like. I'd like to see the definition confined to those items.
- Activities should be allowed unless clearly denied in statute. All the other provisions in 04.11.170 list explicit things that are denied (e.g. pool, darts, dancing etc) and the meanings are pretty clear to everyone. I ask that regulations should be as explicit instead of graspingly broad.

I think that the ABC Board members should ask if they are doing good. Is it the right thing to do? Many Alaskan's have put their faith and knowledge and entrepreneurial spirit and life savings to the test by starting small distilleries. Changing the rules now in this way is only destructive.

Warm regards,



Toivo Luick  
Hoarfrost Distilling

Attached: informal petition from our supporters. 7 pages

AMCO  
OCT - 3 2019

We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries




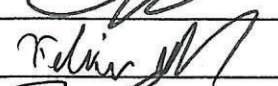
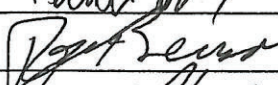
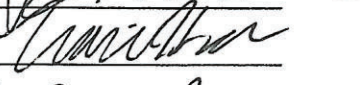
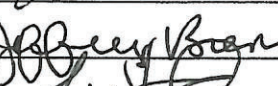


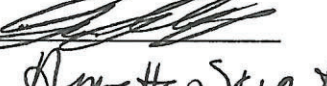


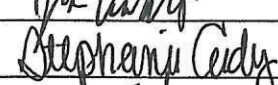
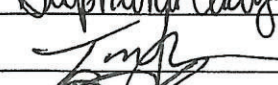

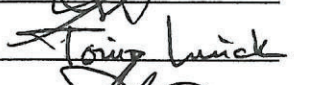


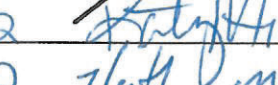
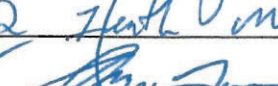

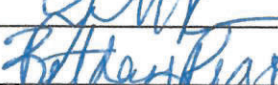
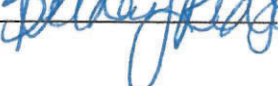


We oppose the regulations proposed by AMCO. The proposed regulations grant the AMCO office greater powers than the statutes allow for, and they do not do so in the name of human health, welfare or public safety.

|    | Full Name               | Town & zip code          | Signature          |
|----|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Terin Aurora Rae Porter | Fairbanks, AK 99709      | Terin Porter       |
| 2  | Susan Elizabeth Bowman  | Fairbanks, AK 99709      | Susan Bowman       |
| 3  | Rob Bowman              | Fairbanks, AK 99709      | Rob Bowman         |
| 4  | EUGENIE E. REED         | ESTER, AK. 99725         | E. Reed            |
| 5  | Connie Browder          | North Pole AK 99705      | Connie Browder     |
| 6  | Debra Bishop            | Fairbanks AK 99709       | Debra Bishop       |
| 7  | Sierra Jackson          | Fairbanks AK 99709       | Sierra Jackson     |
| 8  | Vicki Nation            | Fairbanks, AK 99709      | Vicki Nation       |
| 9  | Karen Brasherton        | Fairbanks AK 99709       | Karen Brasherton   |
| 10 | Kenneth Sablan          | Edo Eielson AFB AK 99702 | Kenneth Sablan     |
| 11 | MARIE BRIDGEWATER       | FAIRBANKS 99709          | Marie Bridgewater  |
| 12 | Trevor Bridgewater      | Fairbanks 99709          | Trevor Bridgewater |
| 13 | GREG PROBST             | Fairbanks AK 99709       | Greg Probst        |
| 14 | Elena Suleiman          | Fairbanks, 99712         | Elena Suleiman     |
| 15 | Caleb Ekberg            | Fairbanks, AK 99706      | Caleb Ekberg       |
| 16 | Patricia Ekberg         | Fairbanks, AK 99709      | Patricia Ekberg    |
| 17 | James Rodriguez Jr      | Fairbanks, AK 99709      | James Rodriguez Jr |
| 18 | Kelley Heller           | Vanouver, WA 98107       | Kelley Heller      |
| 19 | Alla Grikurova          | Fairbanks, AK 99709      | Alla Grikurova     |
| 20 | Eric M. Meyer           | North Pole 99705         | Eric Meyer         |
| 21 | Noah Tsigonis           | Fairbanks 99710          | Noah Tsigonis      |
| 22 | Linda Green             | Fairbanks AK 99709       | Linda Green        |
| 23 | KYLE GREEN              | FAIRBANKS, AK 99709      | Kyle Green         |
| 24 | ANTHONY RUH             | SEATTLE, WA 98119        | Anthony Ruh        |
| 25 | Manisha Khanal          | Seattle, WA 98057        | Manisha Khanal     |



We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the regulations proposed by AMCO. The proposed regulations grant the AMCO office greater powers than the statutes allow for, and they do not do so in the name of human health, welfare or public safety.

|    | Full Name         | Town & zip code       | Signature                                                                             |
|----|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Justin Stuart     | North Pole, 99705     |    |
| 2  | Mykaela Stuart    | North Pole, 99705     |    |
| 3  | Erica Knapp       | Fairbanks, 99709      |    |
| 4  | Presley Connelly  | Fbx 99708             |    |
| 5  | Kelvin Mudd       | North pole, 99705     |    |
| 6  | Tom Benson        | 99709                 |    |
| 7  | Track Adam        | Fairbanks, 99708      |    |
| 8  | Jeffrey Brenneman | York, PA 17406        |    |
| 9  | Lea Gardine       | Fairbanks 99701       |   |
| 10 | Aminda Qualley    | North pole, AK 99705  |  |
| 11 | Jeremy Abip       | North Pole, AK 99705  |  |
| 12 | Annette Scramton  | Blue Springs MD 21045 |  |
| 13 | Ditana Walker     | North Pole, AK 99705  |  |
| 14 | Justin Vandegrift | Horseheads, NY 14845  |  |
| 15 | Stephanie Cady    | Horseheads, NY 14845  |  |
| 16 | Torian Armour     | Fairbanks, AK 99701   |  |
| 17 | Omara Duarte      | Fairbanks, AK 99703   |  |
| 18 | Toivo Luick       | Fairbanks, AK 99709   |  |
| 19 | Sarah Nichols     | Fairbanks, AK 99701   |  |
| 20 | Lane Nichols      | Fairbanks AK 99701    |  |
| 21 | Kathy Miller      | Fairbanks, AK 99712   |  |
| 22 | Heath McCoskey    | Fairbanks AK 99712    |  |
| 23 | Ryan A. Lane      | Eagle River, AK 99755 |  |
| 24 | Jon REASONER      | NORTH POLE, AK 99705  |  |
| 25 | Bethany Reasoner  | North Pole, AK 99705  |  |

AMCO

OCT - 3 2019



We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the regulations proposed by AMCO. The proposed regulations grant the AMCO office greater powers than the statutes allow for, and they do not do so in the name of human health, welfare or public safety.

|    | Full Name          | Town & zip code       | Signature |
|----|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1  | MORROW DUSZYNSKI   | fairbanks 99711       |           |
| 2  | Breanna Semakem    | Fairbanks 99701       |           |
| 3  | Sophia Roberts     | North Pole 99705      |           |
| 4  | Jamantha Niser     | Fairbanks, 99709      |           |
| 5  | Shelby Rowles      | Fort Wainwright 99703 |           |
| 6  | DAVID BREDEN       | NORTH POLE 99705      |           |
| 7  | Mariko Kinikin     | Salcha 99714          |           |
| 8  | Lynn Grover        | North Pole 99705      |           |
| 9  | Liz Hurst          | North Pole 99705      |           |
| 10 | MIKE FRANTZ        | FBX 99709             |           |
| 11 | Elijah Simmons     | Fairbanks 99709       |           |
| 12 | Kory Eberhardt     | FAI 99712             |           |
| 13 | Francesca Klinger  | FAIR 99709            |           |
| 14 | Stacey Nault       | North Pole 99705      |           |
| 15 | Ashley McNally     | Fai 99709             |           |
| 16 | Reanna Miles       | FBKS 99709            |           |
| 17 | Martha Blankenship | Fort Wainwright 99703 |           |
| 18 | Angela Decker      | FBKS 99709            |           |
| 19 | Cherise Beato      | Valdez 99686          |           |
| 20 | Todd Hume          | Fairbanks 99708       |           |
| 21 | Greg Wagner        | Fairbanks AK 99701    |           |
| 22 | Shannon Thurmond   | Fairbanks, AK 99712   |           |
| 23 | Rafael Brown       | Fairbanks, AK 99701   |           |
| 24 | Kacey Graves       | FAIRBANKS AK 99709    |           |
| 25 | Jamaine Anilista   | Fairbanks, AK 99709   |           |

AMCO

OCT - 3 2019



We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the regulations proposed by AMCO. The proposed regulations grant the AMCO office greater powers than the statutes allow for, and they do not do so in the name of human health, welfare or public safety.

|    | Full Name          | Town & zip code  | Signature          |
|----|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Tonia Luick        | Fbks. 99709      | Tonia Luick        |
| 2  | Kelcee Lindquist   | Fai 99709        | Kelcee Lindquist   |
| 3  | MANX D. QUAYLE     | Fbks 99709       | Manx D. Quayle     |
| 4  | Lori Winkle        | North Pole 99705 | Lori Winkle        |
| 5  | Emily Burgess      | North Pole 99705 | Emily Burgess      |
| 6  | Martha Bristow     | Fairbanks 99709  | Martha Bristow     |
| 7  | Timothy J. Berg    | Fairbanks 99709  | Timothy J. Berg    |
| 8  | Bernard J. Conkley | Fairbanks 99709  | Bernard J. Conkley |
| 9  | MARK RABINOVITZ    | FAIRBANKS 99709  | Mark Rabinovitch   |
| 10 | Jeremiah Keeney    | FAI 99709        | Jeremiah Keeney    |
| 11 | Brooke Rabinovitch | Fairbanks 99709  | Brooke Rabinovitch |
| 12 | Robert Pulido      | Fairbanks, 99705 | Robert Pulido      |
| 13 | JEFF FRYBERGER     | FAIRBANKS 99709  | Jeff Fryberger     |
| 14 | Jeannine Haney     | Fairbanks 99709  | Jeannine Haney     |
| 15 | Jim Hamcister      | Fairbanks 99708  | Jim Hamcister      |
| 16 | Tom Benson         | Fbks 99709       | Tom Benson         |
| 17 | Mark Oldmixon      | Fbks 99775       | Mark Oldmixon      |
| 18 | Martin Bamcock     | Fbks 99712       | Martin Bamcock     |
| 19 | NICK Williams      | Fbks 99709       | Nick Williams      |
| 20 | Stanley Skrudski   | North Pole 99705 | Stanley Skrudski   |
| 21 | John Dixon         | Fbks 99712       | John Dixon         |
| 22 | Selma York         | Anchorage 99577  | Selma York         |
| 23 | Camille Peppers    | Fairbanks 99709  | Camille Peppers    |
| 24 | Depek Grabelski    | Fairbanks 99709  | Depek Grabelski    |
| 25 | Sharon Groner      | Fairbanks 99701  | Sharon Groner      |

AMCO

OCT - 3 2019



We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the regulations proposed by AMCO. The proposed regulations grant the AMCO office greater powers than the statutes allow for, and they do not do so in the name of human health, welfare or public safety but instead to give advantage to the bar industry over the manufacturing industries that are trying to grow in the state of Alaska as they do elsewhere.

|    | Full Name         | Town & zip code                  | Contact Info (optional) |
|----|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1  | Ryan McDonnell    | North Pole 99705                 |                         |
| 2  | Cassidy McDonnell | North Pole 99705                 |                         |
| 3  | Rachel LaSota     | Fairbanks 99712                  |                         |
| 4  | Will Port         | Fairbanks 99709                  |                         |
| 5  | Naomi LaSota      | Fairbanks 99712                  |                         |
| 6  | Jeff Hoffmann     | Fairbanks 99701                  |                         |
| 7  | Jennifer Hoffmann | Fairbanks 99701                  |                         |
| 8  | Mary Angell       | Fairbanks 99701                  |                         |
| 9  | NICKOLAS JACOBS   | FAIRBANKS <del>99703</del> 99703 | 907-322-6985            |
| 10 | Sandra Jacobs     | Fairbanks 99703                  |                         |
| 11 | Catherine Swenson | Fairbanks 99709                  |                         |
| 12 | Wolfgang Smith    | Fairbanks 99709                  |                         |
| 13 | Helsay Melthvedt  | Fairbanks 99701                  | 907-347-1389            |
| 14 | Mija Gillette     | Fairbanks 99709                  |                         |
| 15 | Caelin Murray     | Fairbanks 99709                  |                         |
| 16 | Zoe Petersen      | Fairbanks 99701                  |                         |
| 17 | Amy Corbett       | Anchorage 99515                  |                         |
| 18 | Doug Corbett      | Anchorage 99515                  |                         |
| 19 | James McClelland  | Fairbanks 99709                  |                         |
| 20 | John Pearson      | Fairbanks 99705                  |                         |
| 21 | Josh Rages        | Anchorage 99502                  |                         |
| 22 | WILL EBERHART     | FAIRBANKS 99712                  |                         |
| 23 | Leigh Eberhart    | Fairbanks 99712                  |                         |
| 24 | MORROW DUSZYNSKI  | Fairbanks 99705                  |                         |
| 25 | Joseph Paul       | Fairbanks 99709                  |                         |



We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the regulations proposed by AMCO. The proposed regulations grant the AMCO office greater powers than the statutes allow for, and they do not do so in the name of human health, welfare or public safety.

|    | Full Name          | Town & zip code     | Signature   |
|----|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1  | Natalya Medvedeva  | Fairbanks, 99709    | [Signature] |
| 2  | Monica Mazakis     | Fairbanks 99709     | [Signature] |
| 3  | Brandy Philles     | Fairbanks 99712     | [Signature] |
| 4  | Steve Morrow       | Fairbanks, 99701    | [Signature] |
| 5  | Amanda McKeirnan   | Fairbanks, 99701    | [Signature] |
| 6  | Meagan Grait       | Fairbanks 99712     | [Signature] |
| 7  | Jessica Lopez      | Fairbanks 99701     | [Signature] |
| 8  | Michael Lopez      | Fairbanks, 99701    | [Signature] |
| 9  | GA HAMMAY          | Fairbanks 99701     | [Signature] |
| 10 | Tim MCARTY         | NORTH POLE 99705    | [Signature] |
| 11 | ETHAN ORENSTEIN    | FAIRBANKS 99707     | [Signature] |
| 12 | Luke Greenfield    | Fbks 99709          | [Signature] |
| 13 | Jolene Potter      | Fairbanks 99701     | [Signature] |
| 14 | Steve Potter       | Fairbanks 99709     | [Signature] |
| 15 | Logan Nichols      | Fairbanks 99701     | [Signature] |
| 16 | Theresa Brutto     | North pole AK 99705 | [Signature] |
| 17 | Erin Lilly         | Fbx 99709           | [Signature] |
| 18 | Carlos Hernandez   | Fairbanks, 99712    | [Signature] |
| 19 | Robert Ramirez     | Fairbanks, 99712    | [Signature] |
| 20 | CHERYL BERKOW      | FAIRBANKS 99712     | [Signature] |
| 21 | DRENTLEVALEY       | FAIRBANKS 99712     | [Signature] |
| 22 | Michael Goulding   | Fairbanks 99708     | [Signature] |
| 23 | Dmitry Nicolsky    | Fairbanks, 99709    | [Signature] |
| 24 | SERGEY MAURITS     | FAIRBANKS 99709     | [Signature] |
| 25 | BRECHEN MCNAUGHTON | FAIRBANKS 99709     | [Signature] |



We the undersigned support local distilleries, breweries and wineries

We oppose the regulations proposed by AMCO. The proposed regulations grant the AMCO office greater powers than the statutes allow for, and they do not do so in the name of human health, welfare or public safety but instead to give advantage to the bar industry over the manufacturing industries that are trying to grow in the state of Alaska as they do elsewhere.

|    | Full Name              | Town & zip code  | Signature<br>+ Contact Info (optional) |
|----|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1  | Byron Thorne           | Fairbanks 99709  |                                        |
| 2  | Ciana Beagle           | Healy 99743      |                                        |
| 3  | Austin Hubbard         | Healy 99743      |                                        |
| 4  | [Signature]            | Fairbanks 99709  | Lydia Johnson                          |
| 5  | Nic Lohman             | Fairbanks 99701  | [Signature]                            |
| 6  | Annelle Berg           | North Pole 99705 | Annelle Berg                           |
| 7  | Scotty Berg            | North Pole 99705 | [Signature]                            |
| 8  | Danielle Gibbs         | FBKS 99701       | [Signature]                            |
| 9  | Steve Schiller         | Kenny Lake 99573 | [Signature]                            |
| 10 | Shannon Vargas         | FBKS 99701       | [Signature]                            |
| 11 | Joseph W. Vargas       | FBKS 99709       | [Signature]                            |
| 12 | Kim Bunn               | FBKS 99709       | [Signature]                            |
| 13 | Christine Harrison     | Fbks 99712       | [Signature]                            |
| 14 | James Harrison         | Fbks 99712       | [Signature]                            |
| 15 | Jason O. Torres        | FBK 99701        | [Signature]                            |
| 16 | Clayton Sam            | FBK 99701        | [Signature]                            |
| 17 | Nicholas De Los Santos | FBK 99701        | [Signature]                            |
| 18 | John Pearson           | FBK 99705        | [Signature]                            |
| 19 | Vanessa Cruiger        | Fbks 99701       | Vanessa Cruiger                        |
| 20 | Travis Gorrod          | Fairbanks 99701  | [Signature]                            |
| 21 | Dionne Gorrod          | Fairbanks 99701  | [Signature]                            |
| 22 |                        |                  |                                        |
| 23 |                        |                  |                                        |
| 24 |                        |                  |                                        |
| 25 |                        |                  |                                        |



**From:** [Krystal Hoke](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Regulation - Girdwood Alliance Opposition  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 4:02:09 PM  
**Attachments:** [10.4.2019 Girdwood Alliance - Brewery.doc](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)

---

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Board  
550 W 7th AVE, STE 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

October 4, 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

Girdwood Alliance is a 501(c)4, advocating for Girdwood's People, infrastructure and recreation. We are comprised of a volunteer board of over 20 community members who take pride in looking after Girdwood's best interests.

It has come to our attention that the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) has proposed regulation which would restrict recreation activities at breweries and distilleries state-wide. This letter is written to express opposition regarding further regulation of an already highly restricted industry. We believe these changes to regulation would have detrimental effects for not only the businesses which operate under these rules, but would also result in additional negative side effects.

As an example, Girdwood Brewing Company has become a key driver in our local economy. Not only did they generate community support for their Special Use Permit at their location, but also sought the neighboring church's endorsement very early on in their organization. They have brought new stable jobs to Girdwood and craft brewing is a rare bright spot in sometimes dim forecast. Since their opening, they have provided a venue for a wide array of local fundraising efforts, in addition to offering a space for local artisans to display their work. They have donated to or provided a fundraising venue for the following organizations: Glacier Valley Transit, Friends of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center, Alaska Avalanche School, Girdwood Community Garden, Food Bank of Alaska, Challenge Alaska, Arctic Valley Ski Area, Alaska State Parks, Alaska Trails, Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance, Girdwood Turnagain Arm Lions Club, Girdwood School, children's ski programs at Alyeska, etc.

As you can see from the list above, many of these organizations provide value to Girdwood and beyond. GBC has proven to be a good neighbor in many ways, and that is why we are taking a stance to oppose measures that would prohibit activities that are good for our economy and disallow fundraisers that help our community in many ways.

Rather than creating obstacles for locally manufactured product, we believe Alaska's Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development should be helping these businesses be and stay successful.

Sincerely,

Girdwood Alliance



**P.O. Box 1771**

**Girdwood, Alaska 99587**

**[www.girdwoodalliance.org](http://www.girdwoodalliance.org)**

**Board Members:**

Di Whitney

Henry Munter

Diana Livingston

John Rense

Ethan Tyler

Eric Fullerton

Larry Daniels

Erin Eker

Dale Goodwin

Bob Gross

Hank Hosford

Carol Makar

Sarah Faulkner-Mattingley

David McVeigh

Dave Parish

Grace Pleasants

Marco Zaccaro

Mike Edgington

Blake Phillips

Stu Greene

Joe Bell

Jim Barnett, Honorary Member

Per Bjorn-Roli, Honorary Member

Chris von Imhof, Honorary Member

Larry Cash, Honorary Member

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Board  
550 W 7th AVE, STE 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

October 5, 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

Girdwood Alliance is a 501(c)4, advocating for Girdwood's People, infrastructure and recreation. We are comprised of a volunteer board of over 20 community members who take pride in looking after Girdwood's best interests.

It has come to our attention that the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) has proposed regulation which would restrict recreation activities at breweries and distilleries state-wide. This letter is written to express opposition regarding further regulation of an already highly restricted industry. We believe these changes to regulation would have detrimental effects for not only the businesses which operate under these rules, but would also result in additional negative side effects.

As an example, Girdwood Brewing Company has become a key driver in our local economy. Not only did they generate community support for their Special Use Permit at their location, but also sought the neighboring church's endorsement very early on in their organization. They have brought new stable jobs to Girdwood and craft brewing is a rare bright spot in sometimes dim forecast. Since their opening, they have provided a venue for a wide array of local fundraising efforts, in addition to offering a space for local artisans to display their work. They have donated to or provided a fundraising venue for the following organizations: Glacier Valley Transit, Friends of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center, Alaska Avalanche School, Girdwood Community Garden, Food Bank of Alaska, Challenge Alaska, Arctic Valley Ski Area, Alaska State Parks, Alaska Trails, Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance, Girdwood Turnagain Arm Lions Club, Girdwood School, children's ski programs at Alyeska, etc.

As you can see from the list above, many of these organizations provide value to Girdwood and beyond. GBC has proven to be a good neighbor in many ways, and that is why we are taking a stance to oppose measures that would prohibit activities that are good for our economy and disallow fundraisers that help our community in many ways.

Rather than creating obstacles for locally manufactured product, we believe Alaska's Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development should be helping these businesses be and stay successful.

Sincerely,

Girdwood Alliance

**From:** [Fickle Pickle](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Restrictions  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 4:03:14 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I feel strongly opposed to adding 3 AAC 304.390 to existing regulations and restrictions for brewery license holders. Adding more restrictions will unnecessarily burden my economic vitality as an employee of a brewery. I rely on people to come in regularly and support breweries in Alaska. More regulation of activities is unsupportive of my job and well being to provide for my family. If any kind of review of current statutes is due, I believe a loosening of restrictions is in order to promote community involvement and create more jobs for the working class people of Alaska. In my opinion, this is unfair to everyone trying to make a living wage in an already seasonal and uncertain economy.

Randall Pine  
Homer Brewing Co.

**From:** [Adam Keele](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery, Distillery and Winery Restrictions  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 4:03:31 PM

---

AMCO Members:

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed rules to add to the already strictest of most states.

As a lover of craft beer and US manufacturing, I was very disappointed when I moved to Alaska a few years ago to find that the supposed last frontier had some of the most restrictive laws surrounding breweries and distilleries. Having served in the military for over 18 years in a variety of capacities, it's allowed me to live in over a dozen states and several countries—in addition to traveling to many more, including every state but Hawaii. This gives me a unique perspective in regard to how things differ around the world.

That said, Alaska has some of the most disappointing law for breweries and distilleries from the standpoint of a consumer and also as a producer. I've been stationed in California and have spent a fair amount of time there off and on since living there, and the fact Alaska has more restrictive laws for fermented beverage producers and consumers, really says something. I often tell people visiting Alaska or friends and colleagues in the lower 48 that basically it's against the law to have fun at a brewery or distillery in Alaska. It's a sad state of affairs. And having lived in so many different places, I'm use to being able to enjoy a variety of things while being at a brewery or distillery.

It needs to be clarified that I've never really been a fan of bars my entire life. Since I returned from being stationed in Germany, I've had a much greater appreciation for beer and the craftsmanship that goes into making it. Generally speaking for the last 15 years, 98% of the time that I'm drinking beer or distilled spirits, outside of my home or a friend's, it's at the place it was made. I love being able to go where the product is made and seeing how it's made and who made it. Breweries for instance are one of the largest growth industries in the US for the last several years, reviving many communities that were dying due to people moving away. The amount of revenue for states grow more and more each year by bringing new industry to places that have little to no manufacturing left.

Another thing I love so much about breweries and distilleries are that in so many places, especially smaller towns, have evolved into community centers; places where people of all walks of life come together and enjoy conversation over something made right there in the community. These are not just factories with bars attached to them. Almost in every case, they are family-friendly environments that support the community in more ways than just about any other type of private business. Craft beer pioneer, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. in Northern California, recently raised over \$15 million to help the victims of the nearby Camp Fire that wiped out entire communities. Craft breweries large and small do what they can time and time again

to make a positive impact in the communities they live and work in—how many bars out there try to do anything other than make money with far fewer restrictions.

The bottom line is, the more you restrict fermented beverage producers, the more you hurts the communities they are in. If your restrictive laws force places to close — which I'm sure those bar owners on our legislature would love — that just means I don't replace those experiences with rowdy bars or restaurants; I just buy packaged products at stores and will more likely mean I send my money to out-of-state producers. I believe most of these laws protect no one but bar owners from having to compete fairly in the free market.

Thank you for taking public comment on the matter and I hope you move to allow a freer market place in the Last Frontier.

--Adam Keele  
Alaska Air National Guard  
North Pole, AK

**From:** [Patrick Levy](#)  
**To:** [Bob Klein](#); [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** More Opposition Signatures  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 4:07:06 PM

AMCO Regulation Folks,

Attached are more signatures opposing the proposed regulation change.

Thanks,

Patrick Levy, owner  
Fairbanks Distilling Company

|    | Full Name         | Town & zip code               | Contact info (optional) |
|----|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1  | Terry Bird        | North Pole, 99705             |                         |
| 2  | Jeff Kutlesa      | North Pole, 99705             |                         |
| 3  | Jocelyn Fenton    | Anchorage 99508               |                         |
| 4  | Margaret Huuht    | Junction, AK 99801            |                         |
| 5  | Rick McDonald     | Fairbanks 99701               |                         |
| 6  | Karee Christensen | Fairbanks, 99709              |                         |
| 7  | Ambera Suits      | Fairbanks 99709               |                         |
| 8  | Derek Sikes       | Fairbanks, 99710              |                         |
| 9  | Maria Terey Sika  | Fairbanks 99701 (907) 948 020 |                         |
| 10 | Brandy Milles     | Fairbanks 99712               |                         |
| 11 | Melissa Sikes     | Fairbanks 99710               |                         |
| 12 |                   |                               |                         |
| 13 |                   |                               |                         |
| 14 |                   |                               |                         |
| 15 |                   |                               |                         |
| 16 |                   |                               |                         |
| 17 |                   |                               |                         |
| 18 |                   |                               |                         |
| 19 |                   |                               |                         |
| 20 |                   |                               |                         |
| 21 |                   |                               |                         |
| 22 |                   |                               |                         |
| 23 |                   |                               |                         |
| 24 |                   |                               |                         |

Patrick Levy, owner  
Fairbanks Distilling Company  
410 Cushman St.  
P.O. Box 80059  
Fairbanks, AK 99708  
(907) 452-5055

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|

This document is proprietary and confidential. No part of this document may be disclosed in any manner to a third party without the prior written consent of Fairbanks Distilling Company.



**From:** [Brad Thompson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Proposed reg to restrict distillery and brewery activity  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 4:17:41 PM

---

Please add my name to the growing list of outraged Alaskan's who strongly oppose the proposed changes to limit permitted activities by expanding the definition of recreation.

I do not agree with any of the wording and frankly wonder why there is any need to attempt to further limit the activities allowed at either a brewery or distillery. As evidenced by their popularity within their respective communities they have developed a refreshing opportunity to socialize with other Alaskans and visitors in a wholesome environment very different from local bars....

I would close with a question related to the final clause within your proposed definition....

“6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.”

Just what activity are you thinking would not be included within this catchall clause??

Brad Thompson  
17370 Point Lena Loop Road  
Juneau, AK 99801



**From:** [Tara Findlay](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** NO  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 4:25:19 PM

---

To the folks of AMCO:

I suspect your time could be much more wisely invested by devising innovative and inclusive places for local breweries to thrive in their communities. It should be noted that small scale artisan breweries are indeed crucial community gathering places, a cultural phenomenon comparable to a modern day town square. These establishments and the economic and culture impulse they provide should be embraced and encouraged to be more involved in the places they call home.

Further regulation of this industry is unnecessary, and quite possibly damaging for many Alaskans who make a living in it.

Sincerely,  
Tara Findlay

**From:** [Dana Walukiewicz](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES  
**Date:** Friday, October 04, 2019 4:28:38 PM

---

Dear AMCO Board Members,

I am the co-owner of King Street Brewing Company in Anchorage and I am writing in opposition of the proposed regulations governing brewery (and winery and distillery) tasting rooms that Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) Director Erika McConnell has submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. These proposed regulations increase the existing list of tasting room prohibitions by expanding the definition of “other recreational or gaming activities” to include, among other items, “festivals,... classes,... presentations..., and other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public”. These proposed regulations exceed the intent of the Legislature when they passed the Alaska Statute. Furthermore, approving the regulations by the Board would overstep the mission of AMCO.

Breweries and their tasting rooms are a part of the fabric of our communities. Not only are they venues for craft artisans to introduce new products through promotion via tours or new release events, they also serve the community. At King Street we have hosted numerous non-profit organizations as they present their need and raised money and awareness for their cause. Just last month, we hosted REAP (Renewable Energy Alaska Project) which brought both Republicans (Senator Murkowski) and Democrats (Mayor Berkowitz) together on the same stage to present their vision and support for renewable energy in Alaska. We have hosted silent auctions that helped raise money for cancer patients, including my sister who was a loved member of our tasting room team as she was battling extremely aggressive ovarian cancer. Three months later we held her Celebration of Life at the tasting room. These events would be prohibited under the proposed regulations.

The existing regulations have been law for twelve years and have not been challenged by previous directors nor have they seen a need for drastic “clarification”. The AMCO board’s authority by state statute is to interpret law and clarify regulations to “protect the public health, safety, and welfare.” These proposed regulations do nothing to that end. Rather they are thinly veiled economic regulations, which is the jurisdiction of the Legislature. Former assistant attorney general for the Alaska Department of Law for 28 years, Breck Tostevin’s legal opinion on the proposed regulations states that it “violates the Alaska Constitution’s protections for freedom of expression and association” as well as not being “consistent with the statute”.

These regulations are not only detrimental to local breweries (and wineries and distilleries), their employees and the organizations that work with them (non-profits, tour companies, food trucks, etc.), but they are hurtful to the social fabric of the community. I hope the AMCO Board does not approve these regulations.

Respectfully,  
Dana Walukiewicz  
Co-owner  
King Street Brewing Company  
9050 King Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

99515

(907) 244-5246 (cell)

[www.kingstreetbrewing.com](http://www.kingstreetbrewing.com)

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>10/4/2019 8:25:52 AM<br/> Steve and Christine Theno<br/> <a href="mailto:scthenom@me.com">scthenom@me.com</a><br/> Homer, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>We are writing to express our views regarding the ABC Board's proposed changes to the definition of recreational or gaming opportunities as they relate to what is allowed or not allowed within breweries. (3 AAC 304.390) Presumably the changes, which would eliminate such activities as festivals, presentations, classes and other types of organized social gatherings, among others, would be done to protect the public health, safety and welfare.</p> <p>We find this reasoning absurd. There is absolutely no need to reinterpret the regulations. The breweries are currently tightly regulated in terms of hours of operation and beverages they may serve (both type and quantity). Eliminating their ability to host any other activity, other than drinking and conversation between patrons at the brewery would not seem to offer any benefit relative to the public health, safety and welfare, but rather quite the opposite.</p> <p>In our experience, the local craft breweries fill an important community role. They often host unique community related fund raising events, participate in First Friday events sponsoring artist showings, and facilitate public interest presentations and talks, among others. They offer this in a casual environment that fosters conversation and social gathering—true community-building. It is a role that is uniquely different than other establishments that offer alcoholic beverages (such as bars and restaurants). And it is a role that, in our view enhances the public health, safety and welfare. There is no need for these changes and we strongly oppose them.</p> |
| <p>10/3/2019 11:56:40 AM<br/> David Peterson<br/> <a href="mailto:dmpeter9@gmail.com">dmpeter9@gmail.com</a><br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>To: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board</p> <p>These proposed bans on assembling at tasting rooms are plain unconstitutional. You are not only affecting taxable income of the tasting rooms themselves but also greatly affecting a part of what makes our Juneau culture great.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) festivals.</li> <li>(2) games and competitions.</li> <li>(3) Classes</li> <li>(4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Submitted By | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|              | <p>(5) presentations or performances;</p> <p>(6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general</p> <p>Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.</p> <p>(1)(2)(6) - One of the ways we contribute to our town and what make it such a great place to live - in spite of the cold - is to come together and celebrate. It does get cold and dark outside in Juneau, we do like to get together as a community inside a warm, cozy, well lit space. How is this any different than any other business that serve alcohol?</p> <p>(3)(4)(5) - With the overall budget cuts going on, it is truly desire of the ABCB to eliminate free education and other revenue generating outlets? It is not only good for our tourists and population to be well educated, but it creates a more responsible and loyal customer that will take the knowledge and memory of our place back to their homes.</p> <p>Do you really want this to affect the proprietor's taxable income during a time when the State is in a budget crisis? I'm not sure what the PFD will look like next year, but I know this will not help any ones PFD.</p> <p>The Tasting Rooms serve as a place to drink and appreciate craft beverages that have been a part of our culture since before the time of the pyramids. They can and are so much more though. They serve as educational venues and gathering places. They draw people out of their cold winter homes and bring them back downtown to spend money. This is a 2 fold win for the State: The government doesn't need to allocate resources for these things and it's a tax revenue generator.</p> <p>Tasting Rooms are such a pillar in our community that to try and stifle this amenity would be madness. If nobody stands to benefit, we all lose. If this is really only to develop program standards, then these standards are inhibiting the development of our Alaskan</p> |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                     | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>9/25/2019 4:18:38 PM<br/> Tracy Ward<br/> <a href="mailto:tracyward2413@gmail.com">tracyward2413@gmail.com</a><br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>culture and economy as well as taking money out of the States own coffers.</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to express my disagreement with the proposed changes regarding the definition of recreational or gaming opportunities. I find these proposed changes to be unnecessarily restrictive and not in the interests of the public. These changes seem expressly written to penalize brewery and distillery functions, while “protecting” traditional bars. The public wants places where they can go to meet with friends, attend community events, and see local artist and ALSO maybe have a beer or a cocktail without the attendant dark venue, loud music, and drunken fellow patrons that often accompany going to a bar. I have been to many such events at local breweries and distilleries and they are NOT taking business away from more traditional drinking establishments! Government should be encouraging “out of the box” thinking and new enterprises, not unduly restricting business opportunity! Please do not pass these new regulations, they do not benefit our communities.</p> <p>Regards,<br/> Dr. Tracy Ward</p> |
| <p>9/21/2019 9:31:48 AM<br/> Aaron Fetter<br/> <a href="mailto:fetter@me.com">fetter@me.com</a><br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                   | <p>As an Alaskan resident and long time supporter of the brewery industry in the state, I oppose the proposed regulation changes. Having watched the industry grow over the years, as well as the growth of supporting businesses that interact with the breweries, I feel that the changes would disrupt many of the businesses that are thriving on the community aspect of the events that they are able to put on. While I can understand the concerns of the bar owners in Alaska, I also feel that this is signs of a change in the times. With a family and small business, my days of going out to bars is over, I have to leave my 20's behind. However, my love for great craft beer is still strong. The event's sponsored or hosted by breweries are family friendly, and perfectly suited for people who prefer a community minded setting and not the bar stools at their local bar.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration of</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**From:** [Michael.](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** M. Riederer Public Comment - Defining Recreational Activity in Alaska's Breweries  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:04:16 PM

---

Hello AMCO,

I respectfully disagree with passage of 3 AAC 304.390 as a new section proposed to further define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" to include festivals, classes, public parties, presentations or performances and/or other social gatherings advertised to the general public.

I am currently an employee of Alaskan Brewing Company in Juneau, Alaska who was born and raised in Juneau. I left Alaska to pursue two chemical engineering degrees and have been a resident again for the past year.

Alaskan Brewing has recently opened a new tasting room which is increasing in popularity. It features a modern and vibrant design, with bright lighting and large tables which are perfect for social gatherings. This summer, we got great use from our outdoor patio and tents which provided shade from the sunny weather.

With increasing popularity of the new tasting room, there have been many public groups that come in and utilize the space as a social gathering place. One event raised money for the local radio station KTOO (<https://www.ktoo.org/events/kxll-pop-up-record-shop-2/>). These types of events allow our brewery to support Southeast Alaska as the state cuts back on public spending.

Another brewery in Juneau, Devil's Club Brewery, has hosted many public outreach events as well which allow non-profits and small businesses to present their message in an after-work setting. These include First Friday events which provide artwork for sale and pizza nights which have supported the outdoor non-profit Trail-Mix. These events are not 'recreational' by any means and do not involve games or raffles.

They do however involve a social gathering. The proponents of 3 AAC 304.390 need to recognize that brewery and distillery tasting room patrons have rights to socialize when drinking those 36oz or 3oz, respectively. Where is the line between a presentation and a group of people talking? How is a teaching class or an educational performance different than someone sharing knowledge at a discussion table?

Bars on the other hand have a much different purpose than tasting rooms. As you know, bars can sell any type of alcohol not just that manufactured on-site. Bars can have games, live music, and whatever else the law allows. Loud, rowdy people drinking past 8pm. This is great, and I have enjoyed nights of live music at the bars in downtown Juneau at the Alaskan Hotel and The Narrows.

I see it wrong to say there was some *intention* in the law when written. Some bars are slow to adapt or ill-suited to provide the communal setting that patrons want. For example, The Narrows has small two-person tables and two long bars. This is hardly a setting for group gatherings. These bars can host community events if they choose to, and so should tasting rooms be able as described in 04.11.130(e)(1) and 04.11.170(e)(1).

If some wording is necessary to end these ridiculous Bar v. Tasting Room scuffles, please provide it. However, to remove the community from brewery and distillery tasting rooms will be detrimental to all Alaskans... drinkers and teetotalers alike.

Thank you for considering my comments and please help us keep the vibrant brewery and distillery tasting room community which has been so beneficial for the Juneau economy.

Cheers,

Michael Riederer  
(206) 371-0503  
[michael.riederer.4@gmail.com](mailto:michael.riederer.4@gmail.com)



**From:** [Matthew Jurado](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 Proposed changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:45:59 AM

---

To the AMCO Board of Directors,

The new proposed changes to include “other recreational or gaming opportunities” under 3 AAC 304.390 is capricious and arbitrary in nature. I am against this proposed change.

Alaska alcoholic beverage statutes and regulations are antiquated and, by and large lag far behind most states across the US. If adopted by the Board, this will mark a regressive trend on many of AMCO’s more recent progressive advancements.

Increased regulations on alcoholic beverage manufacturers is not fair. Bars, restaurants, and other venues have unique competitive advantages that manufacturers will never have, and will never be able to have. Hindering the free market by limiting entertainment and venue usage is a gross governmental overstep.

I truly hope AMCO and the Board of Directors evaluate their currently effectuated statutes and regulations and realize how burdensome they already are for manufacturers.

Cheers, Matthew Jurado

**From:** [Cody Priest](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against AMCO Brewery Language.  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:24:28 AM

---

Please do not add the proposed new language to brewery licenses that would disallow presentations or organized social gatherings.

This is the opposite of what the public wants. You should propose these establishments stay open until 9 PM instead of 8 PM.

These brewerys are working just fine. Do not kill them.

-Cody Priest  
1418 Wintergreen St.  
Anchorage, AK 99508

**From:** [David Hayes](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** More rules  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:27:20 AM

---

Good Morning,

I've read on the ADN how there is a new proposal to further restrict events at breweries and distillery's. Why? You can still only have a max of three drinks. This just seems like more undue influence by bar owners. Please ask the public what they want, not what bar owners want. You've already banned music and dancing, now art and fundraising. This is ridiculous stop simply helping the bar owners out.

Thanks,  
David Hayes

**From:** [Becky B](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose new regulations to manufacturers' activities  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:35:55 AM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304 that seek to redefine "other recreational and gaming opportunities." As an Alaskan resident, I do not believe the impetus for this change has been proven necessary beyond bar owners lusting after the profits of breweries.

Events like First Fridays and fundraisers held at breweries and distilleries enrich the cultural atmosphere of Alaska. In a time when money is tight and so much is uncertain, I don't know why such a petty and mean regulation is being considered. I don't own a brewery or alcohol manufacturer, but I am a millennial in the target demographic for these establishments. If you take away the recreational perks of living here while the job opportunities leave, why would people like me stay?

I hope you consider my words thoughtfully and come to the same conclusion: this change is not needed and could harm the overall marketability of our state to new companies and young workers.

Thank you,

Becky Butler

**From:** [Rich Brenner](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Do not change 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:37:30 AM

---

Dear members of the Alcohol Control Board,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to proposed changes to 3 AAC 304 that would limit activities that could take place at distilleries and breweries (via 3 AAC 304.390).

In addition to having concerns that such limits are unconstitutional since they would limit freedom of speech, I have major concerns that new regulations are unnecessary, restrictive, and--most importantly--would stifle a burgeoning economic opportunity for Alaskans.

Alaskans have a strong libertarian spirit and yet regulators such as yourselves keep trying to limit our freedoms through unnecessary regulations such as those being proposed. I want more freedom, not less. I want to be able to buy liquor in grocery stores, just like I can when I visit Washington state. I love going to breweries and distilleries, which are thriving across Alaska. These establishments are busy for a reason: we like them! You sit in positions that enable you to provide more freedom to Alaskans, and yet you spend time taking my freedom away.

I have never written you before, but I guarantee that I and others like me will start becoming substantially more critical of your activities if you keep proposing restrictive changes such as these.

Most Sincerely,

Rich Brenner  
Auke Bay, Alaska

**From:** [Richard Steele](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose proposed changes for breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:40:28 AM

---

I **oppose** The Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board proposed changes that would limit activities at breweries and distilleries.

The proposed modifications to a state statute would prohibit crucial community-supporting onsite activities at alcohol manufacturing businesses.

The regulation precluding prohibiting breweries and distilleries from allowing festivals, games and competitions, classes, public parties, presentations or performances and other social gatherings advertised to the general public strikes to the heart of the soul of these businesses. How many of these types of activities are hosted at a bar?

These businesses are already limited, precluding onsite live entertainment, TVs, pool tables, darts, dancing, video games, game table or "other recreational or gaming opportunities".

The businesses create a new social gathering place for the community and that is under attack. The revised proposal would ban First Friday art galleries and fundraisers at these businesses.

A downtown tasting room has been used to raise funds for hurricane survivors in Puerto Rico and friends in need of support during a health crisis. Do similar activities happen at bars?

I ask that you drop the revised proposal and strict limits on these entrepreneurial businesses which add so much to Alaska.

Richard A. Steele

1507 2nd St.

Douglas, AK 99824-5210

**From:** [Kami K](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment on proposed brewery regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:48:01 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

Put simply, the proposed additional regulations on breweries and distilleries are unfair and completely unnecessary.

These local businesses already face strong regulations in what they can offer to the community - with restricted hours and amount of product they can sell in a day. What is the point of further crushing these small businesses?

I have spent time at breweries, bars, and pubs throughout the state. While I have seen countless altercations, inappropriate behavior, and other hazardous/unwanted actions in Alaska's bars, I have NEVER witnessed anything of the sort in a local brewery.

Alaska's breweries provide a great space for community. I have had countless meetings with family, friends, and colleagues within the walls of these businesses.

There is absolutely NO reason to further subject these growing businesses to unfair regulation. It sounds so ridiculous in fact, that I question the motives behind it, and who the backers of this proposal are. What are their concerns and what is their interest in burdening growing Alaskan businesses with these kind of rules?

Please do NOT place these unfair regulations on our safe space for consumption in Alaska. This will only anger Alaskans and take away from our community.

Kamerin Karp

**From:** [C Bacstere](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 Purposed Changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:00:40 AM

---

I fundamentally disagree with this move by the ABC. Local breweries and distilleries are valuable community centers and gathering places and limiting the activities that can be performed onsite is absurd. There is no real risk to public safety, personal health, or the broader community that these regulations are protecting. They are simply placing unreasonable restrictions on these establishments to prevent any sort of fun or enjoyable activities from being conducted onsite in the hopes that fewer people will frequent these businesses in favor of businesses that are allowed to hold such activities.

Tap rooms at breweries and distilleries have a strong community element to them and are gathering places for people. Having performances, community events, games, presentations, etc. have a natural place in these establishments. By restricting these activities you also will be placing a burden on these businesses as those activities draw in new and existing customers - thus helping the business expand their presence on the market.

If anything ABC should be relaxing these restrictions on such businesses. The only real reason to restrict these businesses through regulation is to benefit other industries (like the bar industry). These types of activities are often enjoyed by families and groups of people who want to have a drink and enjoy a performance, take a class, see a presentation by a community group, enjoy art. Something you likely would not go to a bar for. All the regulations do is burden tap rooms at breweries and distilleries and prevent them from competing with other establishments. ABC knows this, the community knows this, and breweries/distilleries know this. These regulations go against the spirit of what it means to be an Alaskan and to be free from unreasonable and overly burdensome government intrusions on our personal lives. ABC is crossing a line here and intentionally restricting these businesses with these regulations.

It is for these reasons I oppose these changes.

--

Craig S. Baxter



**From:** [CHARLES WARD](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulation change to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:17:02 AM

---

To whom it may concern:

The public notice for this regulation change states "The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board proposes to adopt regulation changes in 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities, including the following: 3 AAC 304.390 is a new section proposed to define 'other recreational or gaming opportunities.'"

However, the language of the proposed 3 AAC 304.390 is not included in the public notice. This makes it very difficult to comment.

Please advise where the language of the proposed new regulation can be found.

Sincerely,

Charles Ward  
[charlesward4@me.com](mailto:charlesward4@me.com)  
907.957.3582

**From:** [Bill Howell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:19:05 AM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed changes to the interpretation of "other recreational or gaming opportunities" written in Alaska statutes.

The tremendous growth of craft brewing in Alaska since 2006 has been a real success story, and I think enacting any provision that would arrest that growth would be a true disservice to the citizens of Alaska. Craft brewing represents a genuine "value added" industry, one which both benefits Alaskans and serves as an additional draw to bring tourists to our great state. Brewery taprooms have become the centers of many communities, both here on the Kenai Peninsula and in locales as far flung as Kodiak and Haines. I believe we should be doing everything possible to nurture the growth of these establishments, which focus on the responsible consumption of alcohol as a part of a life well-lived. If I must choose between bright, clean, family-friendly places like the Kenai River Brewing Company and the dingy, smoke-stained bars that litter the Kenai Peninsula, I know which one I would want to see more of.

I believe that the current interpretation of this phrase should NOT be changed.

Sincerely,

Bill Howell

--

**Bill Howell**

**Freelance Beer Writer**

**2010 Beerdrinker of the Year**

**The host of [Drinking on the Last Frontier](#) on KDLL FM 91.9 Kenai-Soldotna**

**[Drinking on the Last Frontier Blog](#)**

**[Amazon Author page](#)**

**907-394-3025**



**From:** [Ben Napolitano](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Changes to 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:25:24 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

After recently reading the ADN.com article on potential changes to 3 AAC 304, I must voice my opposition. It seems unfair to the brewers and communities to limit access to these facilities for the purposes of social gatherings, fundraisers, entertainment and art/festivals. It also seems wildly irresponsible and hypocritical to allow bars and clubs to serve alcohol until the wee hours of the morning while punishing the breweries. This is a limit on small business which is exactly what we don't need; there's already enough regulations on these hard working individuals. For some reason there seems to be a perception that serving Redbull & vodkas until 2 am is somehow more safe than serving hand-crafted beer. It's not, and is in fact, considerably more dangerous.

The proposed changes make exactly zero sense and there seems to be 1) a serious disconnect with reality within the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Board and/or 2) money from vested interests influencing said board. The changes would be crippling to local business and communities, we've seen this power move before.

Respectfully,

Ben Napolitano

**From:** [Samuel Shea](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:30:38 AM

---

It is rather disheartening to see that the board is again trying to restrict the sense of community and additional economic impact that breweries and distilleries can create. I wholeheartedly disagree with your proposal to limit and end any additional activities at breweries and or distilleries. The board works for the people of Alaska and should not base their decision on the profits of bar owners. Times are changing, and more and more people prefer to have selective choices in what they wish to consume, and they choose to not go to bars or other public places with limited selections and inebriated clientele. The economic impact that the breweries and distilleries has been documented across the country to be a new positive. Why not impose a tax on these extra events? Then the state can obtain additional revenue and people can FREELY choose where they wish to enjoy what they want to enjoy.

Do as you did in the past and drop this. Allow this new era to flourish and allow people to choose where and what to do. Trying to regulate recreational or gaming opportunities to only bars is ridiculous. They need to figure out better ways to encourage people to consume on premise. They do not need the help of the state bullying the small businesses out of the way.

- sam

**From:** [Joshua Norum](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Laws  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:31:43 AM

---

Good morning,

Another proposal has been made to further squeeze what breweries are allowed to do. Limiting live entertainment, TV's, pool tables, darts, DANCING!, video games, game tables or other recreational or gaming opportunities, 36 oz pour limits and restricted hours are not enough. Bar's still cant compete with the growing appeal of a clean, modern and enjoyable environment that breweries offer so instead of trying to update their own business plan they are just going after competing markets and the ABC board is helping to do that! STOP! Ask yourself why you are against people responsibly gathering to have a couple beers and look at art or take a class. Instead you would rather have people at a "real bar" shooting at each other, starting fights, over serving, drinking and driving. The list goes on. Lets look at the general good of the public. Which business model is better for the communities that we all live in? Breweries have invested millions in equipment and supplies for an industry that you keep changing the playing rules for. Do the right thing and allow private industry to dictate what the public wants, quit changing the rules and start enforcing the rules on the books for the shithole bars this state has.

Josh Norum

**From:** [Nate Rochon](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation Changes in 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:33:14 AM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of priveledges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example, having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV. It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners. Which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of enforcing regulations that actually benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. A state that is far behind other states in this regard does not need to recede further. Banning events like First Friday's and other community projects hurt our community as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another. Please, do **not** pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them. They aren't fair.

Thank you for listening,  
Nate Rochon

**From:** [Ty Bridges](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to statute concerning onsite activities at alcohol manufacturing businesses  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:42:09 AM

---

Dear Board -

I am writing to express my concern for additional changes to the statutes concerning onsite activities at Alaska alcohol manufacturing businesses. First off, your website does not have a place for public comment on this issue – and the 2 items you do have open for comment expired in April 2019. Therefore, I would suggest that the public is not being afforded the opportunity to comment and your site should be updated. I am sending in my comments regardless and hope you will consider them.

Adding these prohibitions of onsite activities will be a further blow to the Alaska economy. As a member of an executive team for a large Alaska company, I can tell you that we thoroughly enjoy taking out of town guests to our Alaska breweries and distilleries, and that prohibiting these events will lose tourist dollars and business dollars spent in the community. It further restricts visitors and locals from experiencing our great local spirits and brews - which will hurt Alaska businesses. Using distilleries and breweries for competitions, classes, public parties, fundraisers and other social gatherings has been something that is extremely popular in Alaska and the lower 48. To remove those opportunities for business and community is simply short sighted and bowing to pressure from the bar lobby. If you are truly concerned about serving criteria, taxes, etc., then pass regulations which require server's licenses and tax those events, but don't just eliminate them to satisfy the bar owners.

Thank you,

Robert Bridges

907-339-8681



**From:** [Emily Accipiter Stewart](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:47:14 AM

---

Hello,

I stand firmly against the proposed limiting regulations for breweries and distilleries in Alaska. In many states across the US, breweries serve as a gathering place to raise awareness and funds, as well as introduce new artists to the community, and support families and friends gathering together.

By adding more restrictions to what Breweries and Distilleries can do, you'll actually be taking money out of the community instead of diverting it to the bars. I myself am a parent with a toddler - we go to breweries with our friends on Saturday afternoons to socialize with friends and get out of the house. We bring our toddler to First Fridays to encourage him to see art and meet new people.

Please don't take this away.  
Thank you,  
Emily

Emily Accipiter Stewart | 907-202-1713

**From:** [Stephani Killian](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:05:05 AM

---

To whom it may concern:

The proposed interpretation of the entertainment statute is a huge government overreach. These changes are outrageous restrictions for breweries. Many breweries around the state are sponsors of local teams and organizations, and are great hangouts for literally all of the proposed restrictions. The reality is, Alaskans WANT breweries to provide this type of entertainment. I ask that you do NOT allow these changes to go through.

Thank you,

Stephani Killian  
907-230-0669  
Anchorage resident

**From:** [Phil Smith](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I appose this measure. The entertainment statute  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:10:05 AM

---

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

1. festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

Phil Smith

**From:** [Lady Luna Poelman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Prohibiting events at distilleries.  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:26:35 AM

---

Hello!

It has come to my attention that there is a measure that is in the works to potentially prohibit special events at breweries and distilleries.

I absolutely do not agree and wish to convey that the people pay the government for basic structure, not to be completely in control of every aspect of our lives and businesses. The government has no right to get involved by stating whether or not a business can have parties or events. It's not right at all!

Please send my opinion to whoever may need it to ensure that this does not pass.

Thank you!

Sasha Poelman

**From:** [alaskawagner@gmail.com](mailto:alaskawagner@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:15:24 AM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of priveledges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example, having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV. It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners. Which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of enforcing regulations that actually benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. A state that is far behind other states in this regard does not need to recede further. Banning events like First Friday's and other community projects hurt our community as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another. Please, do not pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them. They aren't fair.

Thank you for listening,

John Wagner

**From:** [Pat Madland](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** S.B. 76  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:38:32 AM

---

Brewpubs, distilleries and brewery's have evolved into being some of the nicest and best places to eat and enjoy a beverage and have a generally quality experience. They offer a place for people to gather who are not just interested in becoming intoxicated like occurs in the average Alaska bar.

The limitations that already exist are too onerous. Further regulations restricting benign activities such as are proposed in the bill will not only hobble the quality of experience when visiting these establishments but it will reduce the positive economic impact of this growing industry on the state of Alaska. Alaska needs to expand its economy with more diverse industries. The bill will do the opposite.

Let's reduce restrictions on these businesses not impose more.

Pat Madland  
907 351 9884

Pat Madland

**From:** [Misty Lee](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AGAINST regulation prohibiting social events at breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:43:06 AM

---

To whom it may concern;

I am against the proposal that will prohibit social events at breweries. I live in Kodiak, which has limited gathering venues, and our local brewery is a hub for the community to gather. Please reconsider this proposed change.

Thank you,

Misty Lee

1618 Lynden Way

Kodiak AK 99615

907-942-0192

**From:** [Britni Siekaniec](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Interpretation of 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:45:20 AM

---

Hello,

My name is Britni and I am writing in regards to the following proposed interpretation:

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

I would hope that there is language to include art related events. I am an artist in Homer and have now had 3 first Friday art events at a Brewery that have been very successful and a very important part of introducing my works to the community. I plan to do this every year and it would be a shame if this was no longer permitted.

Thank for reading,

Britni Siekaniec



**From:** [Mariia Tereshchenko](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board limit events at breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:48:56 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

This is ridiculous! Alaska already have vary few cultural activities and them want to limit them even more? So we all turn to alcoholics just drinking at the bars at thats it? Not even give a chance to local businesses?

I am (who is not?) strongly opposed to it! I would like to hear a band playing while enjoying a beer at the local brewery. I would like to try different food trucks food, and not eat frozen sandwiches at the bar. I would like to support local breweries.

Thank you!

--

***Mariia Tereshchenko***

**From:** [d s](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** definition of "recreational opportunities"  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:51:44 AM

---

Good morning,

I write in opposition to the proposed administrative code changes to 3 AAC 304.990.

Far from clarifying the statutory term "other recreational or gaming opportunities" the Board's proposed language is vague, overbroad, and, potentially, constitutionally infirm.

First, let's look at AS 04.11.130(e) which requires "a holder of a brewery license" to "not allow" a variety of different conduct. That's important. Because it puts a requirement upon a brewery to actively monitor and then stop certain conduct from occurring at the brewery's on-site consumption location. This language precludes breweries from offering these things and from permitting this conduct from taking place at the brewery.

What are "festivals"? Is a brewery placing Christmas decorations on the wall with a Christmas tree a 'festival'? Such decorations encourage community, family, and a sense (in most) well-being. Merriam-Webster defines festival as 'a time of celebration marked by special observances' and isn't that what Christmas (or Hanukkah) decorations entail? Such valid 1st Amendment expressions of faith would be, apparently, banned in a privately owned and operated Alaskan breweries under this proposed code change and would include customers from expressing their faith.

"Games and competitions"? Tic-tac-toe on a napkin? Banned? Checkers on a cell phone? Banned. 'Whose dog is the fluffiest friendly neighborhood competition'? Banned. This would ban customers from sitting at a table, enjoying their 36oz of beer, and playing a video game on their own personal phones. It would ban customers from using their phones to participate in a fantasy football league. Would you have breweries place signs up advising their customers "NO FANTASY FOOTBALL OR FORTNIGHT ON YOUR CELL PHONES"? From the plain language of AS 04.16.030 this requirement may already be the case (again, probably unenforceable by a regulatory agency) under (e)(1) but, yes, your proposed language requires a brewery to monitor their customers or otherwise run afoul of 3 AAC 304.990.

"Other types of organized social gatherings"? That's a breathtakingly broad category of conduct. That encompasses legal business activities such as the brewery tours. Recall, if you're interested at all in growing Alaska businesses (which you should be since you're a part of the Department of Commerce), that there are Alaska businesses who ADVERTISE safe, sober driving tours to Alaska breweries. These are most assuredly ORGANIZED and SOCIAL open to the GENERAL PUBLIC. A brewery will have no choice but to ban such tour groups from entering their brewery.

I apologize for the ALL CAPS at times but this proposed language will result in litigation, financially harm to Alaska breweries and other Alaska small businesses, and infringe on Alaskan's constitutional rights.

Thank you.

Daniel Shorey  
907-350-1422

**From:** [James Siegel](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulation change  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:53:40 AM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of priveledges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example, having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV. It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners. Which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of enforcing regulations that actually benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. A state that is far behind other states in this regard does not need to recede further. Banning events like First Friday's and other community projects hurt our community as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another. Please, do not pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them. They aren't fair.

Thank you for listening,

James L. Siegel Jr.

9707 Newhaven Loop, Anchorage, AK 99507

**From:** [Joshua Sopko](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Less regulation, not more  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:12:53 AM

---

I saw a newspaper article suggesting you may forbid brewing businesses from holding activities and events onsite. This is regressive and unneeded. You are not protecting public safety or good when you consider this, you are just taking away fun choices from consumers and innovation opportunities from businesses.

Get out of the people's way. Do not regulate fun out of brewery businesses. You are not helping. Free Association is meant to include playing darts or listening to music, so just do nothing. If bars are restricted by you people from holding the activities that brewers are engaged in, lift the restrictions from the bars. Make things level, open, and free for everyone; don't pick winners and losers.

Joshua

**From:** [dorf@gci.net](mailto:dorf@gci.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** addition of 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:16:12 AM

---

I am firmly against this addition. brewers and distilleries should have the freedom to promote activities such as a festival, classes, etc. Why not? What is the problem? It is actually not different than the Great American Beer thing in anchorage. Or any of the other activities around the state. What you are doing is stifling competition and putting distilleries, brewers and wineries in a disadvantage. You are not allowing them to even give classes or presentations on the premises. Further restricting parties or presentations or performances while allowing combination breweries/restaurants to do so is wrong and arbitrary. This should not pass.

William E. Steele.

**From:** [kenaimark](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3aac304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:30:21 AM

---

I am against restrictions regarding "other recreational or gaming opportunities" for tap rooms and distilleries. the state should be promoting small businesses not putting additional restrictions on them.

Mark Arkens  
Soldotna AK

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** [joe Budrecki](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New brewery regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:34:15 AM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of priveledges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example, having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV. It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners. Which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of enforcing regulations that actually benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. A state that is far behind other states in this regard does not need to recede further. Banning events like First Friday's and other community projects hurt our community as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another. Please, do not pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them. They aren't fair.

Thank you for listening,  
Joseph Budrecki



**From:** [Nathan Luke](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** "entertainment" defined against breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:35:26 AM  
**Attachments:** [NxNW Logo Draft Black 2 Black.png](#)

---

AMCO,

Can we just stop with this nonsense? Trying to define breweries as “manufacturers, not retailers” is such hogwash. Should we be regulating Kaladi Brothers as a “coffee manufacturer, not a retailer” because they roast coffee beans? Or how about all the bakeries around the state that produce bread, pastries, etc? We went down this road before with a member of the legislature trying to change the daily in-brewery consumption rate from 36 oz to 24, and it completely torpedoed a large bill full of legislation that needed to happen. Stop trying to kill a growing, responsible, community-minded industry.

Nathan Luke

[Nathan@NxNWRelays.com](mailto:Nathan@NxNWRelays.com)  
907-671-2005

Alaska Relay: June 14-15, 2019  
Spokane to Sandpoint Relay: Aug 16-17, 2019  
MatSu Relay: September 2019



**From:** [rhonda.perry](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 brewery change  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:37:35 AM

---

I am a Kenai Peninsula resident I am very much opposed to this change in the law. Breweries and distilleries should absolutely be allowed to hold festivals classes and parties etc.

Thanks  
Rhonda Perry

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Alissa Seely-Kipp](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:42:42 AM

---

Hi!

Your restriction on an already restricted business field is ridiculous. I have participated in political events, charity events, and other wonderful activities sponsored by our local brewers, who care about our community. Quit trying to regulate an already over regulated niche of the market. You'll have pushback from me, and others.

**From:** [Ellen Twiname](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment regarding new restrictions for breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:45:24 AM

---

Hello,

I am against adding new restrictions for breweries. I pledge to mobilize the entire population of Girdwood to oppose these changes. It's obvious that these changes are for the interest of bar owners and not for the interest of the public. The public benefits from being allowed to have fundraisers and events at breweries. I am on the board of the Turnagain Arm Mycological Association (mushroom club) and we like to hold our silent auction fundraiser at our local brewery once a year. We also like to have our meetings there in the summertime to plan the annual Fungus Fair. The silent auction event is pretty low key and it pays for the Fungus Fair. We do everything ourselves and the brewery doesn't make any money from it, other than people enjoying a glass of beer. How is it in the public's best interest to disallow that?

Breweries and bars are not the same. I enjoy hanging out at the neighborhood brewery. I do not enjoy hanging out in bars. Bars serve hard liquor and their events don't start until 10:00pm. Breweries serve beer, and they close at 8:00pm. And if you don't feel like having a beer, they also make kombucha and root beer. It's a completely different vibe. There is no reason whatsoever why we shouldn't be allowed to hold events and fundraisers at our local brewery.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Twiname  
Girdwood

**From:** [Mercedes Anderson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Do not limit small businesses  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:06:21 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

As a lifelong Alaskan, I am appalled that you are trying once again to limit our small business owners from bringing people to their facilities. The proposed redefinition of entertainment prohibits collaboration with other small businesses, prevents growth of the industry, and is just plain fun-limiting. I am all for change when it benefits the industry, but we already have some of the strictest alcohol laws in the country and further limiting distilleries and breweries is not an improvement.

I strongly encourage you to abolish the proposed interpretation.

Sincerely,  
Mercedes Anderson

**From:** [Betty Bloo](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery regs  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:08:20 PM

---

Imposing more regulations isn't going to make a better "safer" state. It makes you a totalitarian government. Think about that.

**From:** [Stephanie Haskins](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Entertainment Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:09:25 PM

---

Good afternoon,

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed definition of recreational and gaming opportunities at manufacturer tasting rooms. I feel as though the proposed definition infringes upon my first amendment right to free speech by supporting causes which I believe in and reflect the values of my business. This gross overstep of regulatory authority does nothing to serve the best interest in public health and appears to serve little purpose other than to further restrict what my business can do on its own premise. My business regularly offers tours of our production space, which educates customers on our own practices and increases customer appreciation for craft beer as an artisan product, thereby benefiting all retailers of craft beer. Since opening in December 2018, my business has hosted local First Friday art shows, of which a portion of sales is always donated to a local non-profit. We also serve as a platform for other local businesses to sell their wares and promote their brands, as we regularly carry other locally made products and invite our collaborators to sell their products at our tasting room on release days. We have been contributing to and giving back to our local community and economy since day one, and the proposed definition would severely undermine our ability to do so and would result in a negative impact on Fairbanks' cultural and economic well being. I strongly encourage you to rethink this proposal and to immediately cease efforts to further restrict activities at community-enhancing brewery, distillery and winery tasting rooms.

Thank you,

Stephanie Haskins  
Certified Cicerone®  
Owner/Head of Hospitality and Sales  
Black Spruce Brewing Company  
3290 Peger Rd., STE B  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
Brewery: (907) 328-0448  
Cell: (509) 499-1318

**From:** [Anne Herschleb](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Tuck, Christopher \(LEG\)](#); [sen.natasha.vonimhof@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.natasha.vonimhof@akleg.gov)  
**Subject:** Proposed new regulations for breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:10:59 PM

---

I am opposed to the new regulations for breweries. The breweries and cidery that I frequent are great community members, they promote community activities, they produce quality products they take pride in, they have great atmospheres that I much prefer over any bar in town, and they are small businesses that provide employment.

Breweries, cideries, and distilleries are already over-regulated - their hours are limited and the amount of alcohol they can serve is limited. They don't need more regulation!

I thought Alaska was "open for business." Am I missing something?

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Anne Herschleb  
440 E 56th Ave, Apt A  
Anchorage, AK 99518  
PH. 907.301.8492



**From:** [Bryan Brown](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:20:25 PM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of priveledges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example, having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV. It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners. Which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of enforcing regulations that actually benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. A state that is far behind other states in this regard does not need to recede further. Banning events like First Friday's and other community projects hurt our community as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another. Please, do not pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them. They aren't fair.

Best Regards,

Bryan Brown

**From:** [Ryan Astalos](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Tarr, Geran L \(LEG\)](#); [Begich, Thomas S \(LEG\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery entertainment proposed rule  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:24:06 PM

---

Hello

I am reaching out because I saw the [news about the proposed rule](#) to further limit events at breweries. I am very against this idea, I believe that the breweries are already over-regulated by the hours that they have to close and the number of fl ozs that they are allowed to serve. And I do not believe that limiting them further to not allow events is the right move. I think that it will hurt small business owners and disrupt a growing community that allows breweries to connect with non-profit organizations, other small businesses, private parties, and others members of the public in working with the breweries to host events. I believe instead of regulating the breweries to not have this growing connection, we should promote it to allow for better community building.

I strongly urge you to dismiss this proposed limitation immediately.

Thank you for your time  
Ryan Astalos  
1552 Primrose St  
Anchorage, AK 99508

**From:** [Erik Dolphin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:24:57 PM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants. Alaskans are making their voice heard with their wallet, and it seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners who feel like they might be missing out on revenue. We shouldn't stunt an industry because another feels left out of the current trends. The current regulations on breweries and distilleries already put them at a disadvantage to bars and restaurants that also serve alcohol, yet these breweries are still successful because people enjoy their products, events, atmosphere, and supporting local business and causes. Bar owners shouldn't have the opportunity to bully other businesses out of competition, and any governing body that allows this to happen is corrupt. Our state should be embracing the new industries of craft brewing, cannabis, and any others that help Alaskans flourish.

With the regulations already put in place, breweries are safer than bars. They are less likely to contribute to drunk driving and other alcohol related issues because of how strictly they are currently regulated with when they can be open, maximum servings, etc. If bars can't keep up with an industry they already have advantages over, we shouldn't be changing things to give them more advantages.

Don't hurt Alaskan businesses. We used to be a state that was proud to build businesses and industry from the ground up. Local cannabis businesses, breweries, and distilleries are doing exactly that.

Thank you for listening,

Erik Dolphin

**From:** [Josh Hejl](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alcohol brewery assembly  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:38:12 PM

---

We have the right to assemble at locations of our choosing. Alcohol is absolutely a dangerous substance, and part of our cultural gathering traditions. Please do not inhibit our right to social gatherings, it is often cold and dark we need common meeting places to socialize.

No more regulations.

Thank you

Josh Hejl  
907-707-3590  
[Joshhejl@gmail.com](mailto:Joshhejl@gmail.com)  
[joshhejlphotography.com](http://joshhejlphotography.com)

Please excuse typos this email was sent from a pocket computer

**From:** [Ethan Perry](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulation to limit on-site activities at breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:38:39 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I find it pathetic that a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries is even being considered by the board. There is a very strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces.

If the bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business, perhaps instead of looking to lobbying the government to pick them as economic winners and their competitors as losers, they should instead try to make themselves more attractive places that people actually want to patronize.

New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is supposed to be all about. Government should not be trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences, offer a better model

Regards,  
Ethan Perry

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Annie Dornquast](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [dornquast.a@gmail.com](mailto:dornquast.a@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** ARE YOU KIDDING? Leave activities at your breweries!!  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:38:55 PM

---

Erika McConnell, Director  
Alcoholic and Marijuana Control Office,

Please leave all activities at breweries!

I've never heard of such a devastating idea to so many people, local business and entrepreneurs.

Have you considered the fact, that many of us vacation, just to check out breweries? It's just like visiting a winery?

It doesn't affect the businesses in a bad way at all.

Your proposal will affect these breweries.

Look at Washington state as example - see how many breweries there are?

Each with wonderful activities and brewers dinners special attendance nights?!

I'm honestly saddened you remove such important, viable moments from your states breweries.

Because of Alaska breweries, we went to more cities while visiting, learned of other tourist activities and paid to attend those, along with adding tourism revenue in hotels, trains and rental cars, while in your state!

I'm really not seeing anything here but lost revenue for your state and breweries, not to mention other fabulous businesses that attend breweries like tours and classes.

Dumbfounded by your proposal!

Would seriously make us and many others, choose to visit states with breweries that make visiting them , a destination instead of Alaska!!

How sad!

Please choose to do the right thing - DO nothing and leave your states brewers alone. They have no moving parts that could affect customers the way big companies do. THEY SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THIS RIDICULOUS PLAN!!

Look around at the west coast breweries in Washington, Oregon, California and realize all activities help them thrive, help their tourism- help their local businesses and entrepreneurs that surround each brewery.

We would've never gone to Eagle River or Talkeetna, had it not been for their breweries. See my name on the back of your current Tourism magazine for the state of Alaska-

Your breweries meant as much to us on each Alaska trip as your tourist sights and traps.

Thank you ,

Annie Dornquast  
Tourist from the West Coast

**From:** [Larissa Arbelovsky](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Carpenter, Benjamin E \(LEG\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment in Support of Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:59:04 PM

---

Good afternoon,

I am writing this letter today because the ABC Board has once again proposed changes to a statute that will further prohibit onsite activities at breweries and distilleries and I am completely opposed to this attempt to stifle their pursuit of running successful businesses.

For a state that is supposedly "open for business" according to our governor, why are regulations designed to squash businesses even being considered? Breweries and distilleries are creating community spaces that are filling a void that bars cannot do. Breweries and distilleries already operate under very strict guidelines which are designed to hurt them and help bars, thanks to the lobbying efforts of bar owners and distributors. Enough already. Myself and most of my friends don't frequent bar establishments. They aren't losing any of my money because I go to Kenai River Brewing Company (KRBC) or the like. I am adding money into the economy by choosing to go to the brewery when I otherwise would just go home. Go sit on the back deck at KRBC and you'll see kids running around, having a great time, enjoying a burger and root beer float while their parents are having dinner and visiting with their friends. We can't do this at a bar.

Just this month KRBC hosted the American Cancer Society fun run that raised \$5700 for the ACS; last year they raised \$4246. Next month they are sponsoring a run for a fundraiser that benefits the Hospice of the Kenai Peninsula and participants get a race mug and token for root beer at the brewery.

Kenai River Brewing Company has a beer brewing/canning collaboration with Tsalteshi Trails Association that provides thousands of dollars in donations to the trails association that helps pay for trail maintenance. They have done this for other non-profits as well.

KRBC promotes local artists, not just professionals, but also high school students work.

We have enjoyed some amazing beer pairing dinners at KRBC, an event that the brewery can showcase their beer and provide food that we normally don't get to have around here.

These types of events will no longer be allowed if this regulation gets passed and this is just a tiny example of what one local brewery does.

KBRC does so much to support our community, and create a sense of community at their business, as do many breweries/distilleries in Alaska.

Start supporting local businesses and stop trying to add unnecessary regulations.

Respectfully,

Larissa Arbelovsky

PO Box 2627

Soldotna, AK 99669

**From:** [Grace Leigh](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: archaic, anti-competition proposal for breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:08:08 PM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of privileges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example, having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV. It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners. Which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of enforcing regulations that actually benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. A state that is far behind other states in this regard does not need to recede further. Banning events like First Friday's and other community projects hurt our community as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another. Please, do not pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them. They aren't fair.

Thank you for listening,

Grace Blouin



**From:** [Darren Coolidge](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:21:25 PM

---

You know, as with most Alaskans, I am a registered republican. Republicans are supposed to be pro-business, con-government and just good people. These new regulations proposed appear to be opposite of all three. I believe these new regulations would limit and stifle the thriving business that is micro-brewing in Alaska. We already lost Alaskan (Amber and such) to out of state business activities. Adding more regulations is more government. We should roll back some of the regulations to allow a brewery to grow here in Alaska. We need more incoming money for our economy. Local breweries are a way to do that. People are drawn to local brews like flies to honey. With the amount of tourists we get here in Alaska, that is another way we get money from outside the state into the state. Also, local people like local brews and that is another way to get money circulating in our economy. Buy local and sell non-local is an easy economic plan to adhere to. Your regulations already stifle this. The new regulations will make it worse for businesses in Alaska. Please reconsider these harmful regulations.

Thank you for reading this,

Darren Coolidge

**From:** [Kari Miller](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New statute harms not helps  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:21:52 PM

---

Your proposed statutes regarding entertainment at taprooms is all negative for the communities in Alaska. These regulations only hurt local businesses and they're positive impact on communities. These entertainment events you plan to get rid of build connections and ultimately hold us together as a community. There is no negative side that I see in these events, I only fear that your regulation will take away a part of our sense of togetherness as Alaskans.

Kari Miller  
Kenai, AK

**From:** [Rachel Lekanoff](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:22:14 PM

---

To the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

I am a concerned citizen that has read about proposed changes to AS 04.11.130 and AS 04.11.170. I am not in favor of the adding more to the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities. Local Alaskan breweries and distilleries are already unfairly limited in what they can offer patrons, and I believe these proposed changes only stifle healthy competition between local bars, breweries, and distilleries. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board should be doing more to encourage local businesses in the forms breweries and distilleries to engage with the community in a healthy manner (events, classes, festivals, etc.), not further hinder those businesses' efforts. To that end, I do not support any additional burdens being placed on these business in the forms of AS 04.11.130 and AS 04.11.170, or any more regulation.

Thank you for your time,  
Rachel Lekanoff  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**From:** [aprilalvarez24.](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\); Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation to limit events  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:25:23 PM

---

Really? These events are helpful to the local breweries and distilleries. Employees are able to get hired to work and bar tend these events and small local entrepreneurs are able to team up with other businesses to create a fun environment. NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO GO TO A BAR AND JUST DRINK. Distilleries and Breweries are already limited to the amount to serve let them have the opportunity to help other local businesses grow! Our economy will continue to fail if we continue to add more and more regulations.

Please reconsider I can see this causing a bunch of local businesses not only breweries and distilleries down.

Thank you

April Alvarez

**From:** [Simms, Richard \(BHGE\)](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Leave our breweries alone!  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:25:31 PM

---

For the love of god guys more regulations on our already over regulated breweries?!? Move to California and leave us alone you crooks!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Britton Anderson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:36:15 PM

---

AMCO Board,

My name is Britton Anderson. As an Alaska resident, I continue to be apalled at the restrictions placed on Alaska's craft beer and spirits industry. The laws that are currently in place are among the most restrictive and regressive in the nation.

Breweries around the state and the country alike inspire a bond with the community they are in, and attract a new form of tourism that is continually growing. People come from far and wide to seek out local beer and spirit options that have become part of the culture of their region.

Alaska's craft industry has some of the highest costs of entry in the world. Many of these establishments have already invested half a million dollars or more in their equipment and facilities. Further restricting their abilities to generate revenue is duly unfair and anticompetitive.

I oppose this legislation whole-heartedly and I look forward to seeing modernized and welcoming regulations from this organization.

Thank you,  
Britton Anderson  
1137 Bainbridge Blvd  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
(907) 953-0182

**From:** [Ann Marie Larquier](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** In support of breweries hosting events  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:39:56 PM

---

Hello,

I am writing in OPPOSITION to the proposed changes that would limit activities at breweries and distilleries. Further limiting the abilities for breweries and distilleries to host community events is a silly idea and I do NOT support the proposed changes. Breweries and distilleries are filling a niche that bars are not.

As a voting citizen and resident of Alaska, I do not see bars stepping up to offer their spaces to host fundraisers for non-profit organizations and other community events. And even if they did, citizens under the age of 21 would not be able to attend.

I am not a bar patron who is now taking my spending money to breweries. I am rarely to never a patron of bars because they allow smoking (in some boroughs), often don't have windows, and do not present an environment I want to hang out in (loud, dark).

Bar owners/businesses need to stop being cry babies and diversify if they want to keep up in today's economy. The world and world views are changing so if they want to keep up with the demographic changes and preferences, they are welcome to innovate and diversify. If they keep doing the same thing and it isn't working, then they are welcome to host paint nights too, it isn't because breweries and distilleries are taking their business.

-Ann Marie Larquier

**From:** [Chris Gardeline](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Prohibiting brewing companies from hosting events  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:41:34 PM

---

Good afternoon,

My name is Chris Gardeline a local Alaskan resident with a strong passion for beer. We as Alaskans worship our craft brews. Not only is supporting the craft brews good for the economy but it's also good for the soul. We go to these events in search of new people find friends, possibly even our significant other. Regulating this could hurt the Alaskan way of life. We play hard, we work hard, and so we might as well be rewarded with these awesome events. Support Alaska and allow us to have fun please.

Sincerely,

A concerned Alaskan



**From:** [Jesse Funk Funk](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery limitations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:03:57 PM

---

Please do not further your restrictions on breweries and distilleries. The 3 beer limit is beyond enough regulation. Why is it that at a bar or restaurant a person can imbibe as much as they please but they aren't allowed to have more than 3 beers (or whatever the stringent rule in place is). Stop restricting our small business community. Let our economy grow.

Jesse Funk  
Anchorage AK

**From:** [Rory Seiter](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:04:24 PM

---

Please do not pass these new regulations the make activities at breweries even more restrictive.

As an Alaskan, I enjoy going to breweries, bars, and restaurants. It would be nice to hear some live music at a brewery. I enjoy when groups host presentations at breweries. I help support our economy with other people at these events.

Our businesses need more people utilizing them, not less.

Thank you for listening,

Rory

**From:** [Rexann Bassler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC034  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:16:39 PM

---

Please do not further restrict small craft, or small breweries from having festivals and other entertainment, etc. on site. These regulations are clearly punitive in nature trying to protect established, yet old way of doing things bar type establishments. They should not have a monopoly and should not have government regulators in their pockets.

We should be moving towards a freer, less government involved society and country.

Respectfully,

Rexann Bassler

**From:** [Angelina Backus](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Further regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:18:16 PM

---

What in the world could you guys be thinking? Harming small businesses at an already difficult time? Tourists continually comment on our already strict rules at breweries with comment cards and irritation. We need to catch up!!!! No more First Fridays? No more charitable events? Face palm. Get in together AMCO!!!!

**From:** [Emily Forstner](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:19:08 PM

---

Hello

I oppose restricting further microbreweries abilities to have gaming/recreational events as proposed in 3 AAC 304.390.

I live in Palmer AK and the community's benefit from our breweries and the events held there have added such value and wonder, it is hard to describe. I urge you NOT to restrict our microbreweries.

Emily Forstner

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Shawn Armstrong](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop restricting brewery tap room activities  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:25:17 PM

---

The continued over restriction of activities allowed in brewery tap rooms needs to end. These are social and economic engines for local communities, unlike bars. If bars are so worried about not being on equal ground with brewery taprooms, I suggest the same serving and hour of operations limits be placed on bars that the breweries have to deal with. Then everyone will be competing on equal terms, having to close at 8PM and only serving 3 drinks per person. It might even help the DUI problem in the state.

Reverse your course on the recently proposed changes and remove the restrictions on brewery taproom activities, rather than making them more stringent.

Shawn Armstrong

**From:** [Erin Wartes](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponspre\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to regulatory statutes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:26:09 PM

---

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed modifications of to Alaska regulatory statutes that would prohibit onsite activities at alcohol manufacturing businesses.

The locally owned distilleries in Fairbanks, and elsewhere in Alaska, have become important gathering places for the community. With a drink limit of 3 ounces, its a comfortable place to meet with friends, where you know you won't find drunkards lounging in corners or at the bar. Something our community needs...comfortable, clean, often family friendly. I would never host a birthday gathering at a local bar, but I might invite a few friends to meet me after work or on a weekend to enjoy a drink, or two, a few nibbles we've brought in ourselves, and some good company. Additionally, I have enjoyed many First Friday events, retirement celebrations, end of life celebrations, political fundraisers, scientific talks, post-adventure presentations and educational outreach events at distilleries. These events could be held elsewhere, but the use of a distillery or micro-brewery as a venue means that a small local business is getting exposure it may not otherwise enjoy.

Adopting the proposed changes would limit distilleries and microbreweries and provides no benefit to the general public. In fact, this proposed regulation change is government overreach that will directly impact small business owners and Alaskans. In this time of a shrinking economy in our state, diversification of industry is paramount. Deliberately undermining a demonstrably vibrant and growing sector is antithetical to what our state needs and what a commercial oversight body should do.

I am publicly voicing my opposition to the proposed changes. I believe the majority of Alaskans are not in support of this proposal. These limitations will stifle the distillery industry, small businesses and economic growth at a time when Alaska needs it most. I urge the ABC Board to not adopt the proposed regulations as they are currently being modified. I am also contacting my Representative, Senator and the Governor's office to communicate my concerns about how this affects entrepreneurship in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Erin Parcher Wartes  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**From:** [J. E.](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments regarding 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:30:36 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes under 3 AAC 304.390.

Craft breweries and distilleries have not only brought interesting craft beverages to Alaskan communities, but they have also played a role in revitalizing our cities by providing locally created and maintained spaces, and make even far-flung locations attractive to both the Boomer and Post-Boomer tourist markets. Beyond that, with their earlier closing hours, strict limits on service, and brightly lit, hospitable venues have created a safer environment to enjoy alcoholic beverages or be around the nightlife that often centers around it.

Although I appreciate craft beer, I myself do not frequently drink alcohol, and yet I enjoy being able to go out and spend time with friends who do. I prefer going to craft breweries because of the different experience they provide. I enjoy the revolving food trucks that I can eat at and the multi-generational crowd (kids and seniors are welcome and made to feel comfortable!), I appreciate that those choosing not to drink are often given options beyond a can of coke and not badgered by waitstaff and management if they are with a group and choosing not to drink.

I have yet to hear any salient points about why this change is coming now. If bars are afraid they are losing out to breweries, then one could simply point out the two-drink minimum that limits many people's time spent at a given brewery; if they are worried the presence of boardgames will extend a patron's visit, then I hope they are aware that in the pocket of most adults is a smartphone capable of the sort of hours long amusement via games/facebook/chat that Jenga has a hard time competing with. They might cite the high cost of a liquor license and say that they are not able to be *as* profitable as they were before the craft beverage movement gained steam. Although liquor licenses are expensive, I would say that securing the education and know-how required to be a master distiller or brewmaster is comparable, plus the knowledge to handle the books and all the behind-the-scenes work that goes into running a small business; look at the capital required to open a location and buy all the equipment needed to produce your first drink. That ingenuity and risk should be rewarded, not punished.

Most people I've talked to have the following impression: an industry that is deeply entrenched has not had to change *anything* in terms of its sales-model since the pipeline days and has kept making hand-over-fist money. In response to the new craft entrepreneurs, they have repeatedly sought legislation to do what could simply be done with improving their business for the changing times.

Breweries provide visitors and locals alike a great venue to feel safe, feel welcome (drinking or non-drinking), and appreciate local craftsmanship. Let's encourage that.

Sincerely,



Jack Ewers

**From:** [Tanner Howard](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 Comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:35:09 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

The new section 3 AAC 304.390 should not be passed. I am Eagle River Resident and am fully against this. Like many other people my age, I'm not interested in going to bars or the likes to drink; the culture and atmosphere at these establishments is off putting and does not feel safe. At the breweries though, its smaller and the crowd it draws is under much better control. Instead of clinging to the old ways and keeping the alcohol locked away into small poorly light holes in the wall, let things progress to the more open and friendly breweries.

Thank you for your time,  
Robert Howard

**From:** [Burke Anderson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery and Distillery Legislation  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:36:02 PM

---

To whom it may concern;

As an avid fan of the many excellent breweries and distilleries in our state, I urge the ABC board to stop any additional restrictions on these businesses. They are bright spots in our economy and do NOT need further regulatory red tape.

Burke Anderson  
Seward, AK

**From:** [Sharon Nemer](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed interpretation of the entertainment statute  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:50:05 PM

---

My daughter and son work at a brewery in the Kenai peninsula and I object to further restricting what kind of events can be held at breweries. There are already restrictions that make no sense. There is no reason they should not be able to have fundraisers, dinners, live entertainment and other activities that build community and do no harm. This and all other restrictions on these breweries seems like bars trying to keep breweries from hurting their profit which just isn't fair.

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

**From:** [Dtitchenal](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 i  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:01:15 PM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of privileges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example, having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV. It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners. Which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of enforcing regulations that actually benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. A state that is far behind other states in this regard does not need to recede further. Banning events like First Friday's and other community projects hurt our community as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another. Please, do not pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them. They aren't fair.

Thank you for listening,

Daniel S. Titchenal

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

**From:** [Lauren R Miller](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Not in Favor of the changes to the recreational activities at local breweries & distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:17:55 PM

---

Hello,

I am writing to express my discontent with the proposed changes to the recreational or gaming opportunities at local breweries and distilleries in the State of Alaska.

These places offer a different type of environment for gatherings that was missing up here. We in Alaska are already cut off from a lot and do not need a different opportunity taken away. Most small towns, like my town of Fairbanks or Juneau, severely lack options for small gatherings like paint nights or fundraisers, we do not need another taken away. Especially during the long dark winters. These small businesses provide income and employment for these local economies and opportunities for local artists to display their work for many more to see it that would not normally see their work as they do not frequent galleries or tourist shops. You would be hurting the local artists income chances and their ability to earn income as well as cutting back on the employment hours for workers at these places.

This country does better when small businesses are succeeding and putting back into the community. Taking away these events at these places will hamper their ability to do so.

And taking away public tours of these facilities is taking away educational experiences for the public. Brewing beer and distilling hard liquor is not just dealing with alcohol. There is much science and math involved with these processes and there is much to learn. Today's world already has a hard enough time with offering interesting careers and opportunities; why take away this educational chance for someone to want to open their own business down the line? Educating the future population for them to open a small business to then put more back into the economy.

Please do not let the bars strong arm you into approving these regulations. They do not cut into their business as these places close at 8PM and most that frequent them are either not the ones that go to a bar anyways.

Thank you for your time,  
Lauren R. Miller

**From:** [Tama Rucker](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewpub Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:24:35 PM

---

To whom it may concern :

Please reconsider your definition of what is allowed to occur at breweries and tasting rooms. I love that my local tasting room offers tours, First Friday events, etc. It brings the community together and I feel that this is an appropriate venue for such things. Thank you for your time.

**From:** [Joshua Largent](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Other Recreational or Gaming Opportunities  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:27:04 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am an Alaskan resident and am in complete opposition of changing the definitions within the brewers and distillers regulations and the inevitable increase of restrictions associated with such changes. We should be seeking to broaden our local craft breweries/distilleries/meaderies/cideries rights and capabilities not limit them. These businesses provide a beloved product and are an integral part of our community. Taking away their opportunity to facilitate events and entertainment is only going to hurt Alaska and its residents. Keep your regulations off my buzz!!

-Josh Largent

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



**From:** [Natalie Huffman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:36:56 PM

---

To whom this may concern,

I am emailing voicing my opposition to the proposed rule that would further limit events at breweries. In fact, I support expanding the legal rights of breweries. The atmosphere of a brewery is much more pleasant, fun, and family friendly. Giving bars all the rights won't encourage me to ever go to them; they aren't keeping up with the times. The atmosphere of most bars are dirty, serving corporate alcohols that's don't support locals, expensive for a boring drink, and can be scary for a female to go alone, (perhaps since it is not family friendly, dingy, and overall typically not an uplifting place).

That is my two cents as a life long Alaskan citizen, if you cared to hear.

Thank you for your time and I hope you choose what is right for the communities.

Natalie Huffman

**From:** [Sue Sprinkle](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** "Entertainment" for Distilleries/Micro-Breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:41:53 PM

---

What in the world are you thinking?

It's become newsworthy that AMCO is tinkering with the "entertainment" that can be offered at breweries, distilleries, and wineries.

For some reason AMCO wants to disallow public tours, First Fridays, fund-raising events, classes, and / or presentations, any event organized for the general public.

What is wrong with you people? Why can't Alaska have nice things? These businesses have put in as much money for their licenses, equipment, brick and mortar as the "traditional" bars do and have fewer hours to operate. Why would you make it harder for them to make their money, and the general public to consume it?

Is this driven by CHARR? Is this a Bar Owner-promoted review? It's ridiculous.

The traditional bars should team up with the producers to foster a partnership with their clientele, not alienate them.

Stop trying to destroy the thriving microbrewery business in Alaska. It's obvious that someone doesn't like the competition from people who have found a better system of management and customer service. Instead of competing head to head, they'll simply work to prevent the breweries/distilleries from doing business.

Sue Sprinkle  
Fairbanks, AK

**From:** [Juliette Funck](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 regulation of actives at breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:58:43 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

As previously stated last time this type of regulation was so recently on the table, it is burdensome and unnecessary. The micro-brew and distillery entrepreneurs are exemplary community members and small business owners in the area. Events hosted are most frequently in support of community well being, they support the arts, exercise and health, or cross-pollinate with other small businesses. They are popular with tourists and young professionals, and older professionals alike creating a positive and productive culture in our area. In addition to all these wonderful things they are safer, cleaner and more family friendly than traditional bars and a more welcoming space for community growth and do not need extra regulation.

Leave the distilleries and breweries along and let them thrive.

Regards,  
Juliette Funck  
907 251 1164  
430 Todd Court  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

**From:** [Erin Palmer](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** The proposed regulations for breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:59:42 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

This legislation is not indicative of a government that is “open for business”.

Limiting our growing local economies when our state economy is already under duress is a terrible idea. Not to mention that these breweries are small businesses, we should all support our local small businesses. Please don't allow this legislation to gain any ground.

Thank you,  
Erin Palmer

**From:** [Rich's Mail](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Antiquated alcohol laws. I will leave state.  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:00:51 PM

---

Hello -

As an Alaska resident - the absurd changes to brewery laws is ridiculous. This isn't marijuana.

I believe your board or whoever makes these laws should move to Indiana where antiquated alcohol laws are the norm. I've lived in Alaska since 1999 - and changes in laws like this make me want to move my family of four out of state.

Signed -

An Alaska voter. Wake the hell up and stop being stupid.

Rich capitán  
Anchorage Alaska 99501.

\*\*\*\*\*

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

\*\*\*\*\*

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Chris](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:05:14 PM

---

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Members,

I am writing you with serious concerns about the proposed 3 AAC 304 restrictions to this state's breweries and Distilleries. First let me start off by saying I spent 20 years in the US military. We chose to retire back to Alaska because of the way people in this state viewed freedom. That is until it comes to this new market of micro/nano breweries and distilleries. I have visited pubs and breweries all around the world, and Alaska is the only place I have ever been that has such ridiculous restrictions put on these businesses. I honestly do not understand the reasoning for it, although I was told it's because of competition with the local bars. Well let me say this if that is in fact the reasoning, I spent 12 years stationed in Alaska and rarely visited a bar or pub during that time. Why is that? Well because I did not find one with an atmosphere I actually liked. But these breweries actually provide an atmosphere that makes me want to visit. America is the land of the free, not the land of those who are baby sat by political authoritarians! Yet you on this board create or enforce draconian style rules essentially stifling an entire business market. And in a time where this state should be trying to grow businesses and jobs! As a resident of this great state I vehemently request that these proposed rules not be implemented and I implore you to remove the already ridiculous and restrictive rules you have! You should be regulating the safety of the product made, not telling me if I can watch TV at a brewery or maybe play a game there or how many beers I can drink in a sitting! Again I hope you come to your senses and realize that you are essentially attempting to kill small businesses in this state and vote down these proposed rules. Thank you for your time and concern in this matter, Chris Miller

**From:** [Brian Charlton](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Boo Hiss!  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:09:59 PM

---

Please do not change the regulations listed below:

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

This would be a deterrent to the healthy and exciting activities held at many local business in our community and helping non-profits across the state.

Please vote "NO" to this change!

**From:** [Alexis Fay](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:14:50 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I don't agree with the proposed regulations "other recreational or gaming opportunities". In our town of Fairbanks, the local breweries do a lot with and for our community and a lot of it has nothing to do with alcohol. The runs and fundraisers help a lot of organizations in the community and it isn't necessarily promoting alcohol because many of the people participating don't even consume alcohol. I completed the half marathon one year and didn't even drink beer after my run. I instead enjoyed food from a nearby food truck and got some souvenirs all while earning Money for charity. Other celebrations throughout the year bring the community together and give us things to look forward to during the long winter months. The tasting rooms are great places to enjoy alcohol responsibly because they don't promote excess drinking and they also serve non-alcoholic drinks like delicious root beer or Kombucha. Our family and friends enjoy these celebrations and events and would hate to see them go. The events also raise a lot of money for local charities all while providing safe entertainment for community members. I've never seen a fight or anything crazy happen at these brewery tasting rooms and their events. Please don't initiate any more regulations in an already heavily regulated business.

Respectfully,

Alexis

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Levi Griffith](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Save our Taprooms  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:20:12 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

The new “regulations” regarding taproom licenses are an offensive attack on what has become a community gathering center for responsible adults who would like to enjoy an alcoholic beverage without having to contend with the typical “bar scene”. People in these establishments are consuming responsibly (36 oz max), supporting our local economy, and enjoying a social atmosphere without the typical drawbacks of standard bars. There is no reason that a manufacturer should be disallowed the right to serve their product on premise with the same legal restrictions as bars/clubs - why should a reseller be granted a strategic business advantage over our local breweries and distilleries. This seems like an obvious cash grab from bar owners getting upset that new businesses are trying to go above and beyond to bring clientele in. These breweries already face some of the highest alcohol taxes in the nation, and some of the strictest entertainment restrictions. Why would a fellow Alaskan willingly reduce the amount of \$\$ given back to local business in favor of bars irresponsibly reselling spirits from other countries. A vote for these regulations is a vote for outsider selling, and community problems resulting from overintoxication in normal bar type establishments. I implore anyone on this vote to reconsider, and vote both for local Alaskan businesses and Alaskans as a whole.

Sincerely,  
A concerned citizen

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Justin Powell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against Bureaucratic Corruption AAC.304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:24:07 PM

---

At first glance I figured that the proposed changes to AAC 304.390 were initiated by teetotalers who were just against having any kind of a good time. Unfortunately upon closer inspection it is just a result of greedy bar owners who want to use their bureaucratic influence to shut out breweries. The later is much worse and unacceptable. Alaska alcohol regulations are already the most draconian in the country. Keep pushing and the people will be forced to abolish your monopoly through ballot proposition. I would love to be able to go to HooDoo and enjoy happy hour 2 for 1 deals while listening to live music like I can nearly every other place in North America.

Justin Powell  
2121 30th Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701

**From:** [Bob Chandler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Event Restrictions on Craft Brewers  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:26:13 PM

---

Alcohol Board,

I am totally against further restricting craft breweries and taprooms. They are already heavily restricted in comparison to the Lower 48. They serve a large segment of the population that wants to go enjoy a craft beverage without going to a typical bar. I'm sure some in the "bar industry" think these breweries cut into their business, but myself and many of my friends would not be going to a local bar anyway...it's just not my thing. But, I really enjoy visiting the local craft breweries for a beer or two. I urge you to not restrict them any further.

Bob Chandler

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Brian Snell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:30:34 PM

---

Hello my fellow fairbanksans,

I hope this email finds you well,

Today i read some unsettling news that AMCO is seeking to further restrict the way that many fairbankans gather at local breweries. I ask that before you vote you ask yourself what those on your board may have to gain in their personal businesses by restricting where we, free alaskans, choose to spend our time and money. Are there any conflicts of interest? Does anyone have a family member that owns other establishments in town? If they do, i ask you state your conflict and abstain from this vote and conversation. I also ask what good may come from the decision to further restrict these fine, tax paying, job creating establishments? Does that good out weigh the good that is done for local non-profits summed with the good of jobs and tax revenue? Please consider all of this carefully as businesses and jobs are at stake.

Respectfully,

Brian snell

--

Thank you,

Brian Snell  
207-217-7228  
1978 Army Rd. Cabin A.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

**From:** [Katie McClellan](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:34:33 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I do not support this new regulation that would limit "recreational and gaming opportunities" in the state of Alaska.

As a resident of Fairbanks, who enjoys craft beer, and specifically, our local breweries HooDoo, Black Spruce, and Silver Gulch, I find this new definition to be incredibly restrictive of these spaces that allow for gathering and camaraderie among my friends and family, and the greater Fairbanks community.

Restricting breweries that are already restricted, by not allowing games or food to be offered to customers, by adding MORE limitations to the services they're able to provide will only hurt their business. HooDoo and Black Spruce specifically are both community gathering places, and both provide services to the community beyond the provision of alcohol. First Fridays, fundraisers, brewery tours, community events, Oktoberfest, dinner parties with local small business partners, and community fundraising races are just a few of the ways that these breweries benefit our community beyond crafting great beer.

I strongly encourage you to abandon this new proposed definition of recreational and gaming opportunities and allow these businesses to operate as they presently do. In their current state, these businesses are not only profitable, but honest and generous as well, providing so much more to our community than drinks. I stand with these breweries in their efforts to create great spaces for friends and neighbors to gather, and provide services to their community.

Thank you,  
Katie McClellan

**From:** [Christina Tachick](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alcohol regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:36:31 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

As a lifelong Alaskan with her master's degree in business, I am very concerned with the proposed regulations on local breweries and distilleries. By not allowing these businesses to engage in recreational activities as defined, you are taking away from the small list of recreation activities for Alaskans to participate in. This regulation also discourages competition, which is always bad for both the economy and the people in the society where competition is limited.

If your goal is to not let people have fun in a place where they can also responsibly enjoy an alcoholic beverage, please note that you will be driving more people to bars instead, where there aren't many followed rules on how much people can drink.

My friends and I specifically enjoy going to breweries and distilleries because there aren't any drunks there. It is a safe place to relax.

Please reconsider your conditions on these businesses and let them have "fun" too. These businesses are good for Alaska.

Christina Tachick

**From:** [naomiputney@gmail.com](mailto:naomiputney@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** STOP MICRO MANAGING  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:41:38 PM

---

So it has come to my attention that the below is being proposed and I'd like to kindly voice my opinion on the matter. This line of business is already heavily taxed and extremely restrictive as it is, and to now prevent small successful businesses from reaching out and sharing that success to fundraiser or promote community outreach just because of the line of work they are in is disgusting and sad. We already have a hard enough time as a community getting the proper support through state levels and now the little bits of help the locals can offer are being considered for restriction. Think more about the true impact it would have instead of tightening a leash on an already well behaved dog.

\*\*\*\*\*

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

\*\*\*\*\*

**From:** [Timothy Staebell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:46:46 PM

---

I think the proposal is absolutely ludicrous. I have gone to many of the breweries in Alaska and the experience there is nothing like many of the dingy, smelly, crudy bars I have seen thorough out the State.

Enacting this proposal will be a huge detriment to the community support provided by many of Alaska breweries.

Tim Staebell  
Alaskan since 1993

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



**From:** [Collin Carlson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** additonal statute defining (AS 04.11.130; AS 04.11.170)  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:53:32 PM

---

Hello,

I am one of many people in my social group who enjoys purchasing local alcohol and having multiple options in my area for socializing and consuming alcohol. Implimenting any additonal rules and/or regulations is not only a direct attack on local small businesses that practice alcohol brewery and distilling but takes away from me, and many many others, the opportunity to enjoy local creations and see local artists hosted at such places of business. This obviously shows the lack of support in small business, and local suppliers.

**From:** [Kayla M. Mattacchione](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Email in OPPOSITION of 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:01:34 PM

---

First of all, get out of here with this BS.

Second of all:

Adding irrelevant restrictions to where and how Alaskans can socialize is a huge overreach. There is no harm in having fundraisers for non-profits that may or may not have enough funding due to government budget cuts, no harm in festivals that not only bring joy and fun to our communities but help support the businesses that host them, no harm in gathering to view art work by some of the finest artists in Alaska at First Friday's in Fairbanks, no harm in gathering for the hell of it based on a daily specialty cocktail, no harm in gathering to hear a local music artist play for a public audience while we enjoy a beer by the fire side.

This grossly hurts distilleries and breweries that do not OVER SERVE and do NOT deserve to have one of their revenue streams taken away.

This regulation would be a MASSIVE detriment to Alaskans and importantly my community, Fairbanks.

I am opposing this change and hope that you will change your mind based on the outcry of community members that you are directly impacting.

**Thank you,**  
**Kayla Mattacchione**

**From:** [Susan Bickman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Waste of time regulation  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:06:01 PM

---

I oppose any additional new regulation restricting a brewery or distillery holding events at their business. Senseless waste of public resources trying to enforce a regulation...

--

Susan Bickman  
907 240 0385

[smbickman@gmail.com](mailto:smbickman@gmail.com)

---

This email has been checked for viruses by AVG.

[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_www.avg.com&d=DwICaQ&c=teXCf5DW4bHgLDm-H5\\_GmQ&r=4M-EnMjk-bwCuHbOOAciFdymXBxfJ4ojVwApzxIAloQ&m=5f4DaqEoIa2aI\\_OJTWRW9jedvps6uA-XFcigSLtaLfY&s=9k6BDpdg6P0WCVwPI2O76HdkyHDs9SgvIhvDKsoCXXKg&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.avg.com&d=DwICaQ&c=teXCf5DW4bHgLDm-H5_GmQ&r=4M-EnMjk-bwCuHbOOAciFdymXBxfJ4ojVwApzxIAloQ&m=5f4DaqEoIa2aI_OJTWRW9jedvps6uA-XFcigSLtaLfY&s=9k6BDpdg6P0WCVwPI2O76HdkyHDs9SgvIhvDKsoCXXKg&e=)

**From:** [Daniel Lyew](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns with 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:09:55 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my concern regarding the legislation referred to in the title. It is, quite frankly, absurd and draconian. Briefly: it puts undue and unequal burdens on small, local businesses, and will thus have a detrimental impact on local economies; it hinders community growth and engagement, and will thus have a detrimental impact on the quality of life in such communities; and, it is difficult to imagine it accomplishing any possible mission of reducing alcohol related crimes. It is similarly difficult to see this piece of legislation as anything other than a cynical attempt by bars and distributors (and other such business) to hinder their competition (i.e., breweries, wineries, and distilleries), while little to no attempt is made to make their own establishments more appealing to patrons or otherwise more successful.

As such, I urge that these new definitions not be adopted.

Best,  
Daniel Emerson Lyew

--

Daniel Lyew  
MFA Poetry Candidate  
Writing Instructor  
University of Alaska Fairbanks

**From:** [Kathy Rickman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation Change- "Recreational or Gaming Opportunities"  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:31:42 PM

---

We are highly in favor of community activities in Soldotna and all over the Kenai Peninsula and are not willing to give any of that up. Our local Hospice of the Central Peninsula has an annual fundraiser supported by the Kenai River Brewery called the Rootbeer Fun Run. It is sponsored by the brewery and they give all the participants a free rootbeer at the conclusion of the race. The KRBrewery also hosts other fundraisers for the community and provides several opportunities for us to come together to celebrate life in Soldotna. We are not willing to just give that up because someone in your office chose to reinterpret some legislation. Our businesses on the peninsula heavily support community activities and our breweries and taphouses should not be excluded from that! We enjoy the Frozen Beer Festival, [Brewery to Bathroom .5k "The Race for the Rest of Us"](#), Kenai Peninsula Beer Festival and so many more! We love gathering for fun activities at the breweries or taphouses and expect to be able to do that long into the future!

Kathy Rickman

**From:** [Leanna Williams](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions - Proposed Changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:44:19 PM

---

To Whom it May Concern -

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed statute modification for recreation and gaming opportunities affecting breweries and distilleries, on the grounds that they unfairly restrict these businesses. Here in Fairbanks, breweries and tasting rooms are a valuable asset to our community, offering safe, friendly, and well-maintained places for people to congregate and support local businesses and products. I value that these venues can in turn support local artists, causes and non-profits. To change the statute to further restrict the ability of the public to patronize these establishments would not NOT be a business friendly decision - but rather a bar friendly decision. The popularity and success of these establishments demonstrate a shift in consumer attitudes and habits. The AMCO should not try to restrict breweries/distilleries/tasting rooms out of business.

Please leave the definitions as is so that these tasting rooms/breweries/distilleries/etc can continue to be a wonderful part of our local business community.

Leanna Prax Williams  
404 Haines Ave  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

**From:** [Kevin McCraine](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Heavy Handed Alcohol Control Board  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:52:47 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

I am deeply saddened to hear news that the Alcohol and Marijuana control board is looking to steepen restrictions on what is considered entertainment at local breweries and distilleries. I find it absolutely absurd and a heavy handed regulation which does not fall in line with the will of the Alaskan people.

I can almost guarantee you that in almost every other state you will see no such regulation singling out the local producers of craft beer and craft spirits and penalizing them for contributing to their local communities. It is almost unfathomable that any individual could ever even begin to believe that this regulation is needed unless they are the recipient of dirty money from lobbyists. Shame on the board and shame on Erika McConnell for introducing such a revision.

I will be informing my friends and neighbors to weigh in on this issue of which all will agree is a giant step backwards for small businesses in Alaska.

Sincerely,  
A concerned Alaskan Voter Kevin McCraine

**From:** [Artem Zhdanov](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 proposed changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:55:29 PM

---

Good afternoon,

my name is Artem Zhdanov and I am a US citizen and I live in Fairbanks, AK. I am deeply concerned with the new proposed language in the state Alcohol regulations and the proposed decision to limit events and activities at breweries and distilleries. And I highly OPPOSE the proposed changes.

The language reads:

304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

This is deeply concerning. Local breweries and distilleries are amazing places that brought culture and bring people together. As opposed to bars, the atmosphere at breweries and distilleries is very inviting and welcoming.

Breweries and distilleries bring the community together, they are great places for meetings and gatherings. And the events that they hold have improved the lives of many Alaskans.

Breweries and distilleries are already heavily taxed and regulated. The amount of alcohol that customers can consume on-premises is very restricted. There is no inappropriate behavior, there are no issues with people getting heavy intoxicated, the police are never called.

I know many people, myself included, who never go to bars, however, love to go to breweries and distilleries. And events and fun activities that are held there are part of the fun.

If you limit the events and "fun" that is allowed, you will be driving large amount of people away, and destroying already successful businesses that bring a lot of money into the local economy.

I understand that there is a big push for this proposed change from the bar industry. Bar owners think that breweries and distilleries are stealing their customers, which is true, but only partly. As I already mentioned there are a lot of people who go to breweries and distilleries that never, and I repeat NEVER go or will go to bars. Please do not cripple successful businesses and please do not destroy amazing places for people to meet and have fun.

I am a part of a local Fairbanks Photography club that is open to anyone. And we hold regular bi-weekly meetings at Hoodoo Brewery in Fairbanks. Your proposed changes will basically prohibit us to gather as a club. And that is absolutely unacceptable.

This regulation is very concerning to many Alaskans. If you remember the response you got



last year when a similar idea was proposed. And it was pretty clear that the Bar owners, people who hold liquor licenses were the ones behind it and influencing it.

Alaskans need these places open and Alaskans need these places with FUN and activities allowed.

Please STOP destroying small businesses. Please start acting in the interest of Alaskans and the state!

I oppose the proposed changes in the law! The State Alcohol law and regulations need to be rewritten, but they need to be changed to help small businesses and not to simply protect bars.

My contact information is below. Please feel free to reach me with any questions.

Artem Zhdanov  
PO Box 750181  
Fairbanks, AK  
99775

tel: (907)799-6816

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Artem Zhdanov

**From:** [Stephanie Schuman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding "Other Recreational or Gaming Opportunities" Changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:59:05 PM

---

The proposed changes from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board reek of political manipulation for personal monetary gain.

Local breweries and distilleries are an increasingly popular highlight for travelers, not just in Alaska but nationwide. These small business help add value to our visitors' experience, who return home and encourage their friends to travel to the Last Frontier as well. Considering our recent state budget troubles, any other source of revenue is a benefit to all Alaskans.

The opportunity for small businesses to host events builds community for local Alaskans. Feeling like you belong within a community betters your mental health, and I feel like can help reduce crime rates. Both of which are desperately needed in our state, with Alaska ranking consistently high on the most suicides per capita and Anchorage resurfacing on many "Most Dangerous Cities in America" lists.

The fact that these limitations apply only to these smaller tasting rooms and not to more traditional bars is appalling. I would much rather bring my family, my friends, and my community to a local brewery than to most bars throughout our state. The only reason I can see that these smaller business would be facing more restrictions is because they have become a competitive threat to other bars and restaurants, and those owners decided to use money and influence to squash the newcomers.

Putting more restrictions on local breweries and distilleries is an attack on small business and a hindrance to the well-being of Alaskans, both emotionally and financially. Putting restrictions on these newer businesses for the benefit of older bars is wrong and unjust. I hope the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office will make the right choice.

- Stephanie Schuman

**From:** [ANTHONY](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:59:43 PM

---

I am opposed to this current proposal. This proposal would eliminate a great deal of fundraising and community benefit. At a time when the communities in our great state need new and different sources of funding and the local businesses need the revenue, now is not the time to cut or eliminate these activities.

Please deny this proposal.

Anthony Snider  
520-252-8706  
[anthony.snider@msn.com](mailto:anthony.snider@msn.com)

**From:** [Rachel Willis](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO Public Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:01:34 PM

---

Hello,

I am a five year Fairbanks resident, and I am writing with regards to the newly proposed definition of "recreational and gaming opportunities" at breweries. I do NOT support the amendment, which would negatively impact breweries. Alaskan breweries offer a safe place for people to consume alcohol, due to their limited ability to serve only 36 oz per person. I think it is ridiculous to impose further restrictions on what a brewery can do while operating. Events such as fundraisers, celebrations, brewery tours, enhance the brewery experience and are benefiting the greater public. HooDoo and Black Spruce Brewing Company in Fairbanks, support the local community through educational classes and tours, fundraising opportunities for non-profits, and "First Friday" events to showcase local artists. This amendment is an attack on small businesses. Breweries should NOT be seen as competition for places with a bar/liquor license.

Thanks,

Rachel Willis

**From:** [Greg Wyman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:04:06 PM

---

To the AMCO:

The proposed new section referenced above is an unnecessary restriction to an already heavy regulated industry.

While I believe gaming such as gambling (pull tabs, etc.) should be regulated, the restriction on community gathering for those items listed as (1) through (6) is unwarranted.

I strongly recommend AGAINST making these changes.

As a resident of Alaska who participates in activities at establishments such as Breweries and Distilleries along with fully licensed bars and clubs it is ridiculous to add these restrictions as proposed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my thoughts and comments.

Gregory E Wyman  
2455 Locksley Ct  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

**From:** [Adam Baldwin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:18:00 PM

---

Dear Director Erika McConnell,

The proposed new regulations to breweries and distilleries are absolutely unnecessary and unwanted by Alaskans. They represent an over-reach of the government to control innovation and entrepreneurship. The economy of Alaska is very fragile at this stage and hurting the growth of potential new businesses and the modest manufacturing jobs they provide is unacceptable.

Undoubtably, your cover is "we are just doing our jobs" but a highly selective interpretation of legislative intent is not your job. These business thrive because they respond to a market where people want community places that are family friendly and you can enjoy a beer with friends.

The Governor is extremely unpopular because of his radical interpretation of law and his propensity to bend the law to a small but influential segment of business. I want to know when the ABC will hear directly from the public on this matter and when you, Erika McConnell will be available for public (ie. not email) questions and comments.

I look forward to your timely response and I sincerely hope you reverse course and do the right thing.

Adam Baldwin

**From:** [Carey Fristoe](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Entertainment Regulation  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:22:02 PM

---

Hello,

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed changes to "recreational and gaming opportunities" that are currently under consideration. I feel that by adopting the current regulations, you are infringing upon my first amendment rights by not allowing me to express causes that I wish to support, such as giving a presentation on why protesting this regulation is good for the community and manufacturing industry. By not allowing presentations, the regulation is restricting a candidate from educating potential voters of their views, you are not allowing a presentation educating the public about protesting these proposed regulations. That is a gross overstep of regulation and does little more than try to restrict what we can do with our own business. We opened in December 2018 and have donated to local non-profits from each show. These regulations look to hurt this aspect of giving back to our community. Additionally, these "definitions" are loose and are a slippery slope toward shutting down any activity we might engage in. Are brewery tours a "presentation" or "class"? Is advertising a new beer for people to come in to taste an "organized social gathering"? Unfortunately, these proposed regulations are stifling and aimed at sole disadvantaging manufacturers for the benefit of retailers. It is sad that these proposed regulation changes have nothing to do with protecting "the public from harm" and more to do with hurting business owners and the people they employ. I urge you to stop this assault on manufacturers and focus instead on protecting the public from harm.

Cheers,

Carey Fristoe  
Owner/Head Brewer  
Black Spruce Brewing Company  
3290 Peger Rd. STE B  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
Cell: (509)209-6621

**From:** [Elizabeth Richards](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** "Recreational and gaming opportunities"  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:22:06 PM

---

To whom it may concern:

I write to you to urge you to reconsider your proposed definition for "recreational and gaming opportunities". As a relatively new member of the Fairbanks community, events which happen at local breweries are my favorite way to get to know the community and its people.

The current events which are hosted by breweries in the state of Alaska (especially in Fairbanks) make up a significant portion of public events which bring the community together and encourage friendships and relationships to form in those communities. This new definition would even outlaw the Hoodoo Half Marathon, an event that race-runners and the rest of the Fairbanks community look forward to every year. The MANY fundraising events which happen at our breweries would be disbanded as well. Overall, this new definition would drastically hurt Alaskan communities in many ways, and I urge you again to reconsider.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Richards



**From:** [Robert Newman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please reconsider  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:25:26 PM

---

I am an Alaskan citizen concerned with the proposed changes by the alcoholic beverage control board. This hurts artists, like me, who use first Friday events at breweries to sell art.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Audra Passinault](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on changes to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:27:24 PM

---

Hello,

My name is Audra and I live and vote in Anchorage.

I am extremely concerned with the Alcohol Boards proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390, which would impose further limitations on breweries.

On this issue, Anchorage is behind the times. People love breweries. People make breweries their travel destinations, their community centers, and their social gathering place. Breweries support their local communities and other local businesses.

One of my first experiences in Alaska was going to a yoga event at a local brewery. There, I met local business owners, and life long friends.

Restrictions on breweries like this take away opportunities from our community and harm local businesses that are truly a benefit to our local economy.

Breweries should be permitted to host social events, classes, concerts, and more! Preventing those activities would be detrimental to Anchorage.

Audra

**From:** [DeeAnn Fuller](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for local breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:31:19 PM

---

Hello,

I recently started a tour business in Juneau, AK. I take passengers from the cruise ships, airbnbs, and also locals to each brewery in Juneau for a flight of beer at each location. It is a great way for groups to socialize, enjoy each other's company, and sample our local brews, all while having the comfort of a sober driver. Craft beer is a booming industry right now. People from all over the world have been on our tour and they love that they can experience our beers created with fresh and locally harvested ingredients.

Breweries provide a relaxed and inviting atmosphere that you don't get from other types of alcohol establishments. There are drink limits in place that take the temptation of having too many drinks out of the equation. Limited hours of operation ensure that you can have your couple of drinks and still be home by bedtime. And if that isn't enough, you can go out to the bars afterwards. I know many people that start at the breweries and still make it to the other downtown establishments. There are plenty of patrons for the two types of establishments to share the wealth.

Juneau bars may fight that they are losing money because of our new and popular alcohol manufacturers. However, I would fight that they draw in different crowds. You see a wide range of ages and varying degrees in social class at the breweries and distillery. All people are welcome, where I can say from personal experience, you may not feel at bars in town.

The downtown Juneau breweries have done wonders for our community. They do fundraisers and provide local artists with another outlet for their work. Neither of these are bad things for our town. So why fight it? You wouldn't see the Viking or Imperial, for example, with local artwork for sale on their walls. Because there's a good chance they would be ruined by out of control bar frequenters.

Our local bars need to realize that these new businesses aren't going anywhere. Even with further limitations, people will still frequent these places. Because there is a different draw to these places. They are well lit and welcoming places. Far different from the dingy and low lit bars we have in our town.

Bars argue that these manufacturers didn't have to purchase a liquor license. Well, they did have to purchase the equipment and ingredients for their products. And they spend quite a lot of time that you can't put a price tag on to create their products.

The playing field is big enough for both bars and manufacturers of alcohol in our town. They both need to find a way to work together and support each other. The community likes having both and having them both be free to operate as they please. Please don't make it more difficult for them to maintain the greatness that they have worked so hard to become. I am proud of our local breweries and hope that they can continue to be successful. Even without dancing. ;)

Thanks,

DeeAnn Fuller  
AK Brews Cruise

--

DeeAnn Fuller  
AK Brews Cruise  
(907) 957-1421

**From:** [Carl Olson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed definition change to recreation in brewery regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:34:10 PM

---

The legislature defined events deemed as recreation when it passed the relevant statute. The board should not attempt to devine the "intent" of the legislature by redefining what is meant by recreation. If the legislature wants to further restrict what is prohibited by breweries or distilleries, they can. I thought Alaska was open for business.

Carl Olson

**From:** [Hayden Nevill](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed new regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:47:19 PM

---

Dear Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office,

I am writing out of concern for your proposed definition of "recreational or gaming opportunities" that are prohibited in breweries and distilleries.

These businesses are already heavily restricted and taxed. To add this extensive list of things that are not allowed is anti-business and destroys local business efforts to contribute in a positive way to our communities.

I live in Fairbanks, where some of my favorite businesses are Hoodoo Brewing, Ursa Major Distilling, and Fairbanks Distilling Company. These three businesses are very clean and welcoming, and they are a much nicer place to meet a friend or a business associate than a bar. Part of the beauty of these businesses is that there is a limit to the number of drinks a person can have, so there is nobody there that is sloppy drunk. Instead, people tend to sip their beverages slowly and chat with everyone, including strangers. I've made new friends standing around the Hoodoo fire pits, including several different groups of tourists who need recommendations for where to go and what to see. Breweries and distilleries also provide places for artists to display their work and opportunities for non-profits to hold fundraisers. They are great community assets.

Is this effort coming from bar and restaurant owners? Breweries and distilleries provide a different experience than bars and restaurants. It's also very common for folks to stop by a brewery or distillery on the way home from work, run into friends, and end up going out to another business after 8:00pm. My wife and I certainly stopped by the Blue Loon many times after leaving Ursa Major, even though we never went there otherwise. Whatever arguments you're getting from bars & restaurants is not the whole picture.

It makes no sense to regulate these businesses more heavily. They pay taxes, but if they are unable to engage in the community-building events they've been supporting, they're going to be paying a lot fewer taxes. Some of them will probably close. Why would we knowingly destroy law-abiding, tax-paying local businesses? That's certainly not what Alaskans want.

Please reject this proposed definition and allow our local businesses to continue to thrive.

Hayden Nevill (*he/him*)

**From:** [Thad Wagner](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed interpretation of the entertainment statute  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:47:44 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I have read several social media posts regarding the upcoming change to the entertainment statute in regards to breweries and distilleries. It is my opinion that this is an unnecessary and overreach of the state. I can't help but believe that this is being driven by bar owners who are threatened by breweries and distilleries but really have no legitimate claim as to how breweries are a detriment to anything. I cannot understand why the state would want to suppress this type of business in any way.

Please reconsider moving forward with this interpretation. It will only hurt honest, hardworking, upcoming Alaskan entrepreneurs.

Thad Wagner

**From:** [hickster](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery and Distillery regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:48:04 PM

---

Please, no more regulations limiting breweries and distilleries. These businesses are are not “the root of any evil” and I fail to see the point it regulation for the sake of it. Same can be said about marijuana consumption lounges. Step back and let these businesses thrive- fix ACTUAL problems as they arise.  
Frederick Hicks



**From:** [Nanci Spear](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery license  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:50:15 PM

---

I strongly oppose the new regulation to expand prohibitions on Breweries and distilleries. I am happy that young people have returned to their homes and have started community businesses. It is a new business model and needs to be encouraged.

I believe in the right to gather and have community events. The proposal to clarify is not clarifying but instead restricting new businesses.

Nanci Spear  
P.O. Box 35155 Juneau, AK 99803  
945 fritz cove rd

**From:** [Noah Jenkins](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tasting Rooms  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:56:05 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I strongly disagree with the proposed changes to the tasting room regulations. What the breweries and distilleries in Alaska offer for their clientele is right in line with what other states allow. Please do not make regulations that hamper what these businesses are currently allowed to do.

Thanks,

Noah Jenkins

Juneau resident for 17 years.

**From:** [Chris Pepe](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please listen  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:58:28 PM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of priveledges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example, having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV. It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners. Which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of enforcing regulations that actually benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. A state that is far behind other states in this regard does not need to recede further. Banning events like First Friday's and other community projects hurt our community as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another. Please, do not pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them. They aren't fair.

Thank you for listening,

Chris Pepe

**From:** [Zach Brown](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Senator.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov); [Representative.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov)  
**Subject:** Brewery regs  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:59:00 PM

---

Additional brewery regulations are absurd. The existing regs need to be relaxed to be on par with the rest of the country.

Thanks,  
--Zach

**From:** [Izzy Rowland](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tightening restrictions on Breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:04:21 PM

---

To whom it may concern:

I vehemently oppose any tightening restrictions on breweries and distilleries in Alaska. This is clearly lobbying and pandering to Restaurant and Bar liquor license holders. It would in no way make communities better, safer, or stronger. Breweries are hubs of community business. They can be family friendly spaces that are rarely an issue with local law enforcement, unlike bars that are open until 2am, serve severely intoxicated individuals, who then spill into the street and cause a ruckus. These restrictions go against everything that Alaskans want. If Bars and Restaurants want to stay competitive, that's on them to do so. Not by restricting the opportunities of other businesses. You should be ashamed of yourselves for introducing this ridiculous sham of a proposal. Everyone sees through it.

Sincerely,

Izzy Rowland  
Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Daniella Ambrosino May](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed changes 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:16:25 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

As a citizen and consumer I oppose these proposed changes, and the inclusion of section 390 in the Code. This is hurtful legislation that serves no purpose, but to further legislate what activities business owners and consumers are allowed to participate in a public space. What an absolute blow to small local businesses looking to make an impact on their community.

What a pointless thing to legislate. Does Alaska not have larger problems at hand that require legislating? I can think of numerous things off hand that require immediate action that affect Alaskans health, safety and livelihood. Limiting what people can participate at in breweries is not a pressing matter on my list. Climate change, pebble mine, our budget crisis. These are items that require decisiveness and action. Not stopping a local brewery from showcasing an artist or hosting a charity event. Shame on you all.

The craft beer industry is a huge revenue generator nationally, and Alaska severely limits the growth of this industry for no reason. This amendment will cause great harm to an Alaskan community that works hard to provide a service. This type of oversight on breweries is absolutely unnecessary, and a gross overuse of power. I urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Thank you,  
Daniella May  
Eagle River, AK

--

Regards,  
Daniella N. Ambrosino May

**From:** [Alicia Maryott](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No limitation on recreational or gaming opportunities - manufactures proposed rule  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:20:55 PM

---

Hello,

I'm a lifelong Juneau resident in my 30s and have appreciated and benefited from the growth in small, locally owned businesses like Amalga Distillery and Devil's Club Brewing. I work at a restaurant close by and between the three businesses alone, we get a lot of overlap among customers and even partner on some occasions and help promote each other's business. I love that these places have become a gathering place for locals and visitors alike. It feels like we are investing in our local economy and the health of our community and business by providing places to congregate and keep our dollars in town. Allowing other small businesses to feature their work on first Friday or at makers markets is also a great way to help local small businesses and if the new proposed rule is adopted, this would be taking away this wonderful opportunity for business owners to network and promote each other's work. I don't think it hurts business at bars - there's always a niche for that, but the opportunity for small businesses to grow and thrive will be sorely hurt if regulators limit the activities currently afforded. Fundraisers and charity events are among many of the other benefits for not adopting this rule. It's selfish of bar owners to think that this market is hurting their business and I think it lacks the community focus that we here in Juneau pride ourselves on.

I strongly advise for our community and others around the state who benefit from this social, economic and community aspect to please do not take action on the proposed rule **3 AAC 304.390** and let our manufactures continue the great business they're cultivating through other means aside from just selling booze.

Gunalchéesh,

Alicia Maryott

**From:** [Bob and Patrice Chandler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:26:41 PM

---

Alcohol Board,

I am totally against further restricting craft breweries and taprooms. They are already heavily restricted in comparison to the Lower 48. They serve a large segment of the population that wants to go enjoy a craft beverage without going to a typical bar. I'm sure some in the "bar industry" think these breweries cut into their business, but myself and many of my friends would not be going to a local bar anyway...it's just not my thing. But, I really enjoy visiting the local craft breweries for a beer or two. I urge you to not restrict them any further.

Patrice  
Loving Alaskan life...



**From:** [Kevin Pedersen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Mary McCormick](#)  
**Subject:** Changes to the use of breweries AS 04.11.170  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:26:54 PM

---

Please note:

I oppose the changes to the regulation that would disallow the use of brew pubs for public classes. I have been doing *Yoga at the Brewery*, held at OMR brewery Eagle River for years. It is a great way to meet and gather like minded healthy people in a relaxed enjoyable environment. Similar events are popular with yoga devotees all across America. It is a tradition in America that public houses ( Brew Pubs ) be public spaces for groups to gather and exchange fellowship. Lord knows we need more of that in these turbulent times.

Kevin Pedersen  
32375 Eagle Vista Dr  
Eagle River Ak 99577

**From:** [Todd Huyber](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to Breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:48:05 PM

---

Dear AABCB,

What is your problem? Pull your heads out of your asses!!

I'm sure you don't limit a Restaurant that has space for gatherings or fundraising. Many cities have become destinations bc of the local small or large beer or alcohol being produced there. Other businesses thrive bc of this, hotels, gas stations and other establishments!!

All these companies pay their fair share of taxes so they should not be restricted by your non sense!!

Sincerely,

Todd Huyber

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Brooke Rabinovitch](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Definition of Recreation and Gaming Opportunities Public Notice  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:49:03 PM

---

Dear Alaska Beverage Control Board,

I am resident of Fairbanks and am writing in strong protest of your proposed definition that will prohibit establishments from recreation and gaming opportunities that include "festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests, presentations and performances, other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public."

I often visit distilleries and breweries in town and enjoy the opportunities currently available to learn about the process (tours), celebrate the accomplishments (parties) and support other local establishments (fundraisers). I am currently signed up for the HooDoo Half Marathon, a fundraiser for the United Way of the Tanana Valley, and I plan to participate in this event in the future.

It seems this definition will prevent many positive things that are already in place. My questions are as follows:

Why limit the opportunities already imbedded in our community? Why now?  
Why prevent small business from celebrating their accomplishments?  
Why limit entrepreneurial attempts to collaborate with other small businesses (concerts, food events, holiday celebrations)?

To me it seems the very possibility of this added limitation contradicts the freedoms fundamental to this country and this state.

Please inform me of the reasoning behind this decision.

Sincerely,  
A dedicated Fairbanks resident,

Brooke Rabinovitch

**From:** [Erika Smith](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:05:41 PM

---

Dear DOC/AMCO,

This proposal is a detriment to Alaskan Economy and Community. These "other recreational activities" create a safer environment for individuals than a bar or other specific venues where consumption of alcohol is the primary activity.

These proposals do not reflect my support or interests.

Thank you for your time.

--

Kind Regards,

Erika Smith  
907-953-0052

**From:** [Matthew Holman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed AAC 304.990 Regs  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:07:14 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

Your impression that breweries are taking from the financial pie of bars and other establishments is misinformed and misguided.

There are many beer drinkers like me who ONLY go to breweries for a sit-down-and-have-a-drink experience.

I can count on one hand the number of times I have gone to a bar in the last 5 years, but cannot tell you how many times I've been to a brewery.

Breweries have a connection with the community that bars just don't go for. A bar says "eh, you're gonna come here and drink anyway." But a brewery says "they'll come to grab a growler, how can we make it awesome?"

When I have friends come from out of town, I'm not going to take them to some crappy bar in town. I'm going to take them to the breweries and give them the full experience. This is an experience they request. Some even do research (like myself) on the local breweries to visit.

This is a shame that you are stifling this new trend that is NATION-WIDE! Once again, Alaska shows just how far behind we are from the lower 48. They innovate, excel, support, foster, welcome, celebrate, and embrace. We stifle, shun, push away, ignore, and shoot down.

Imagine how many visitors we have to this state and how many of them will share how backwards it is that this growing trend of breweries is facing such active suppression.

Even if this passes, I will not be a bar-goer, I will probably spend less money here in Alaska and save my brewery-visit dollars for when I go back to Missoula, MT (where they have at least a dozen breweries and the best atmospheres).

-Matt Holman

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [kenny walden](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:09:45 PM

---

This new proposal is absurd. It will only hurt the small businesses in and around our community. Alaska is already suffering a loss of residents and our job market looks dismal. Why would you put another strain on our businesses just because they are in the beer industry? This accomplishes nothing and looks like a ploy to stop an emerging business scene which could help to revitalize our towns. Please stop this proposal from moving forward. We need our craft breweries and they have done so much good with charities and local events. Don't stop what little culture and "local" feel we have gotten back from places like this.

Respectfully

Kenny Walden  
Resident of Alaska (for now)

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mike Brown](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Micro Breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:11:55 PM

---

Alcohol Board,

I am totally against further restricting craft breweries and taprooms. They are already heavily restricted in comparison to the Lower 48. They serve a large segment of the population that wants to go enjoy a craft beverage without going to a typical bar. I'm sure some in the "bar industry" think these breweries cut into their business, but myself and many in my community would not be going to a local bar anyway...it's just not my thing. But, I really enjoy visiting the local craft breweries for a beer or two. I urge you to not restrict them any further.

I have seen a lot of community involvement and support for these small businesses and it's not just the beer that people love and enjoy. Seeing our community involved and supportive is a great thing for our state.

Mike Brown  
Owner  
Mossy's Fly Shop

**From:** [Nita Desmond-Layral](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed new regulations for breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:19:59 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

I can count on one hand the number of times that I have written into a political office regarding concerns for proposed legislation. This is not because I don't care about the legislation passed in our state, this is because I trust our state officials to do the right thing. However, given this office's repeated proposals to severely limit the activities of our breweries and distilleries, it is clear that people like me need to speak up.

Breweries and distilleries are a part of a burgeoning industry in a state that is facing lacking revenue and a potential recession. They increase tourist revenue, increase property values, and serve as engines of economic development. They become community hubs and meeting places. They revitalize neighborhoods and regenerate dying industrial areas. They encourage other building owners to improve their spaces and new businesses to open in otherwise forgotten areas. To put it plainly, breweries and distilleries are a good thing.

When you limit their ability to host functions and draw in a crowd, you are essentially neutering one of our state's few growing industries. This begs the question of why. Why would any office, in charge of overseeing this sort of blossoming industry, consider instituting laws so restrictive that they are essentially killing the very thing they are overseeing? Realistically, everyone understands that the bar owners in our state feel threatened. They feel like the tasting rooms, breweries, and distilleries are taking away their business. But that's not the case. Today I met friends at HooDoo in Fairbanks for a beer. Had HooDoo not been an option we wouldn't have gone to a bar, we simply wouldn't have met up today. We are not the exception, we are the standard when it comes to brewery and distillery patrons. These are people who do not want the atmosphere of a bar. They are not out to get drunk. They are looking for a place to meetup with friends. Somewhere they can bring their kids or their dogs. They are looking for a community hub and that is exactly what our breweries and distilleries provide.

I don't know what the solution is here, but I know that it involves encouraging this growing industry. Maybe it's a new liquor license classification. Maybe it's more licenses. Maybe it's something else entirely. Just know that Alaskans are trusting your office to do what's best and to not gut the breweries and distilleries we love so much. Please reconsider the proposed regulations to restrict the activities at our local breweries and distilleries.

Respectfully,  
Nita Desmond-Layral  
Fairbanks, Alaska



**From:** [Art Heaphy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Reinbold, Lora \(LEG\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against any further regulations on taprooms/distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:41:01 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am totally against a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries. I'm surprised it is even being considered during this economic downturn. We need less regulations in this sector, not more! You should be rolling back regulations to spur economic growth and opportunities, not the other way around. Especially when there is strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces.

If bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business, they should try to make themselves more attractive to the community/clientele, so that people actually want to patronize their establishment. Let a free market economy determine the winners and losers, not the government.

New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is all about. Government should not be trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences, offer a better model and product.

Regards,  
Art Heaphy  
Eagle River

**From:** [Tina](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:47:36 PM

---

AMCO Board, I do not agree to following terminology used to define recreation and gaming opportunities. This is too restrictive for small business and would hinder growth. A brewery should be able to have a festival, event, or support a non profit by helping raise money for the community.

I own a business and would like to invite a local brewery to one of our charitable events, but I think the language here would restrict that because it would be a public event. This seems crazy!

Thanks for your time to hear my viewpoint,

Tina Baker

\*\*\*\*\*

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

\*\*\*\*\*

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Eric Caldwell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on proposed change to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:48:26 PM

---

I have significant concerns regarding the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390. They are as follows:

The restriction against hosting classes makes it more difficult for Alaskan manufacturers to differentiate their products in a crowded market and entice more Alaskans to taste Made In Alaska goods.

The restriction against public parties forces manufacturers to police the intent of their prospective customers within their tasting rooms. If a half-dozen people arrive at a tasting room together, why should it matter whether they are friends casually meeting after work as opposed to friends who happen to be celebrating a birthday?

The restriction that most concerns me is the restriction against organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public. I have seen our manufacturers go to great lengths to be responsible corporate citizens. Through their events, they have provided a voice and a financial boon to artists, recreational groups, artisan food vendors, and nonprofit service providers, serving the public good

I see the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390 causing harm to responsible members of our business community and discouraging future value-added manufacturing of any kind by sending the message that a well-conceived business plan and product line are not enough to succeed in Alaska. This is contrary to the Open for Business motto that is at the heart of this administration's message.

As a consumer and as an Alaskan, I urge you to rethink and rescind these changes to 3 AAC 304.390.

Sincerely,  
Eric Caldwell  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [Kristopher Klunder](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:49:58 PM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board.

I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of privileges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example: having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV.

It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners, which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of competing on the merits of their product in a way that will benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. Banning events like First Friday's and other community projects hurt our community as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another.

Please, do not pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them.

Thank you for listening,

Kristopher Klunder

**From:** [Laurie Hueffer](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:50:38 PM

---

I do not support restrictions on "other recreational or gaming opportunities." Small businesses who hold fundraisers, festivals and other social events are an integral part of a vibrant community, just what Alaska needs in difficult economic times.  
Please do not add this language to state alcohol regulations.

Laurie Hueffer

--

Laurie Hueffer  
[l.hueffer@gmail.com](mailto:l.hueffer@gmail.com)

**From:** [Ptialaska](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Kenai River Brewery  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:52:12 PM

---

It has been brought to our attention that the Alcohol Board is trying to limit, Kenai Rivers Brewery participation in community events. People go to this brewery for a reason, it does not have the same atmosphere a "bar" has, we go for something to eat & meet up with friends to socialize. You go to a tavern/bar with the intent of drinking than taking part in a meal. KRB has a good name for itself within the community & sponsors some great events, I don't see a lot of bars doing that. Please reconsider & let them do business as they have been.

Thank you for your consideration

Pat Udelhoven  
8-28-2019

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mo Radotich](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** restrictions to breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:33:55 PM

---

Dear Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office,

Please do not put so many restrictions on breweries. Alaska needs friendly gathering places, that include art, music, games, and general fun. It is better for the community to goto breweries and enjoy time together, versus only focused on drinking. Breweries are small businesses, lets be sure to support them and help them stay open.

Sincerely,

Maureen Radotich  
PO Box 3033  
Valdez, AK 99686  
907-835=3823

**From:** [Andrew McConnell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Recreation Definition Change  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:36:44 PM

---

As an Anchorage resident, I am strongly opposed to changes to Alaska law that would limit or restrict recreation or events at local breweries and distilleries in any way. These businesses provide great, safe places for events, and it is embarrassing that the state is considering restricting these events because of lobbying or complaints from bar and restaurant owners. There is no reason for these restrictions besides the negative impact they will have on bars and restaurants, and it should not be the state's responsibility to legally limit the kind of events being hosted at breweries on behalf of these businesses.

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Callie Conerton](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to the proposed regulation package!  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:42:25 PM

---

Hi,

My name is Callie Conerton and I was born and raised in Juneau Alaska. I find supporting businesses that are local and support their local communities vital.

The current proposed regulation package limits those local businesses that are allowing local community members the chance to show their artwork the chance to hold fundraisers for those in need and so much more.

Please do not limit the local businesses supporting their local community.

I feel much more comfortable going to an event such as an art exhibit or fundraiser at a place that has a limit on alcohol consumption rather than a place that has none.

Thank you.

Callie

Sent by Carrier Pigeon

**From:** [Gayla O'Brien](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillery and Brewery regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:41:03 PM

---

Hello,

I am opposed to not allowing distilleries and breweries to have events at their locations. To that would be short-sided and anti-Alaska business. Look at how wineries, breweries and distilleries make money and attract tourists in the lower 48. I used to work at an Oregon winery that had multiple events. Are we trying to limit Alaska's economy? We should be trying to create a pro-business atmosphere in Alaska for products other than our natural resources.

Thank you,

Gayla O'Brien

**From:** [iran1465@gmail.com](mailto:iran1465@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:47:12 PM

---

To whom it may concern;

I was recently made aware that AMCO was further regulating what is allowed at breweries and distilleries in Alaska. The fact that here in Juneau we cannot go to a brewery and have more than 36 oz of beers is bad enough, especially for those people that aren't into bars, or liquor. The new proposed regulations that go into effect in October are ridiculous beyond the current limitations needlessly places on what these businesses.

The proposed changes should NOT be implemented. While I understand that Alcohol is a restricted item, these further restriction to trade harm these businesses, detract from the communities ability to enjoy them, and are in my opinion a needless restriction of trade.

Sincerely,

Jason Nardi  
Juneau, AK

**From:** [Kristopher Wolkoff](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed restrictions for breweries and distilleries.  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:47:43 PM

---

Your short sightedness towards our state's economy and community is ridiculous. Who wants to live in a state with dwindling places to reasonably attend and hold events while enjoying a cold beer?

College students, and people in my cohort, when picking a place to attend college or to move to, we are always looking for places that promote and aid in building a vibrant community. With the budget cuts happening at UA we are already threatened to lose our humanities and arts programs. Without programs like this we no longer have an insightful and imaginative community that brings light into an already dark city with a rising crime rate and drug problem. You are looking the wrong direction by removing more of our opportunities to bring culture into our community and only seek to increase the drug and crime problems within our city.

I have made some of the most memorable connections while attending events at breweries. I would hate to see you make the mistake of ruining the opportunities of people like me getting out in our community to build connections and bring joy to our days by making new friends and strengthening the relationships with our old ones.

Rethink your decision,

Kristopher Wolkoff  
UAA Health Sciences, Pre-Med

**From:** [Jennifer White](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding new proposals for breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:50:18 PM

---

Greetings,

I would like to start out by saying that I am not the type to write in for supporting or opposing local/state politics. I usually have bigger things to worry about. However, this is an issue that has grabbed my attention.

It has become public knowledge that changes are going to be proposed to the type of events and gatherings that our local breweries/distilleries can be involved in. A proposal placing restrictions on how private business owners can operate and offer to the public.

This is outrageous! I live in a small community (Soldotna/Kenai area) and the local breweries have come to have a popular and positive impact on the community. They are social gathering places, but also help with charitable events in the community such as 5k runs, fun runs, and sponsors of the Relay for Life. In addition they exhibit local art and take place in the First Friday events. They hold painting classes taught by local teachers and participate in our local music festivals. All while running a brewery, employing food handlers/chefs, and following the rules and regulations set forth by the state and local authorities.

Personally, I am not a drinker (don't like the taste of beer). But I enjoy the atmospheres of our breweries far more than that of our bars. The local bars do not get near as involved in the community, they have a heavy hand with their hard liquor, and are mainly dives.

And frankly, if bar owners are so threatened by the business/popularity of breweries than they need to step up their game or just take the hit to their profits. Like in a free market...

Sincerely,

Jennifer White

**From:** [Kristin Chandler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:59:54 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

This recent proposed restriction on breweries and distilleries is absolutely outrageous. It is going to be illegal to host fundraisers in an establishment now? How does this help the community at all? Who is this beneficial to? It's not the community members or the non-profits that benefit from these types of events, it appears the only ones who would benefit are the bar owners who can still legally hold benefits and fundraisers in their establishments. What is the reasoning behind this? Your community demands answers.

Kristin Chandler

**From:** [Alicia Taal](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restrictions  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:00:09 PM

---

Why do we need regulation to prohibit any manufacturer (brewery, winery/cidery, distillery) from hosting any sort of event, including charity fundraisers, first Fridays, pet adoptions, outdoor safety presentations.

These places are vital to communities and small businesses will cease to exist without opportunities to grow and serve the community. I am opposed to the current restrictions of not allowing recreational activities and opposed to any future increased restrictions as drafted or otherwise.

Government has a place to serve the people not to prevent people from utilizing public or private places to gather peacefully and enjoy activities within their communities.

Draft regulation: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=118869>

Alicia Taal  
503-894-1719

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
Get [Outlook for Android](#)

**From:** [Shawn Chura](#)  
**To:** [Jen](#); [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Craft Brewing Industry in AK  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:01:10 PM

---

Bottom line up front: I vehemently oppose further restricting the current brewhouse/tasting room regulations. Craft breweries in Alaska are artists in their respective expertise. They are no different than a painter, wood carver or concrete form artist. They just utilize a different medium.

I however love and respect how Alaska craft breweries support local communities, artist and causes. They bring people together to support the community, raise money for great causes and keep revenue local (I'd rather buy from Fairbanks brewery X,Y, Z rather than Funkweiser or Flusch).

Bottom line... these are awesome businesses and people who bring a lot to the state, provide safe and family oriented facilities (I bring my 10 and 15 year old with me all the time and they love the other friendly people and kids) and keep revenue local.

Respectfully, please don't change current brewhouse/tasting room regulations. They will hurt our local businesses, communities and families involved. Thanks,  
Shawn Chura



**From:** [Nathan Brown](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:03:04 PM

---

These proposed changes are asinine. This is so far out of line with what you should be doing, I can hardly believe it's real.

No organized social gatherings allowed? Is this the Soviet Union?

There is no conceivable public benefit to these these regulations. Their only purpose seems to be to hurt Alaska's brewing industry.

This proposed change should be rejected.

Nathan Brown

**From:** [Autumn Hoibakk](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:15:47 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am wholeheartedly opposed to the proposed changes to AAC 304.390. The proposed restrictions and limitations to activities and events that local breweries and distilleries are able to offer would be harmful to local economy and community. Our local breweries and distilleries provide an atmosphere of easy community, camaraderie, and family friendliness. It is a wholly different environment and experience than those provided by bars or restaurants. These are small businesses who are living their piece of the American dream and sharing it with the community at large. They are also, through their events and workshops, helping to support and grow other small businesses and get them one step closer to realizing their own American dream. I cannot even begin to tell you how many local makers I have had the pleasure of meeting, becoming familiar with, and then becoming an enthusiastic supporter of because of events at local breweries. I have had the chance to experience art, food, support charities, and expand my knowledge base. I have helped local makers provide for their families and given back to my community through worthy causes. And I have been able to do this all while enjoying a delicious brew or two with my children present and with the marked absence of any drunk, belligerent, rude, or violent individuals. I also did not have to spend a small fortune on food and drink to do so. In our current economical climate, I am sure frugality is something we can all appreciate.

In summary, please ensure that these restrictions are not put into place. The people of Alaska value our sense of community and ability to support our own above all else. Being able to do so in a fun and relaxing environment is the icing on the proverbial cake. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
Autumn Hoibakk

**From:** [Tabitha Knell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** amco.regs@alaska.gov  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:18:26 PM

---

Please reconsider your efforts to regulate “other recreational or gaming opportunities” for manufacturers governed by the AMCO in the state of Alaska. Breweries and distilleries are a vibrant part of our Alaskan communities, hosting events like the fundraiser for Alaska Bully Rescue, art events like First Friday Art gatherings (in light of our recent loss of the arts council, this would be incredibly detrimental), and fundraisers for the American Cancer Society. As a lifelong Alaskan, I don’t support this overregulation.

Thank you,  
Tabitha Knell

**From:** [Daniel Mahon](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:18:38 PM

---

Alaska is already fairly sparse when it comes to beer events that help bring the community together. What good would this change bring about?

I urge all of you to reconsider making it more difficult to run a brewery and stop trying to impose more unnecessary regulations. These restrictions won't help anyone.

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

**From:** [Jared Lonborg](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:22:52 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my concern with pending regulations the State of Alaska is considering imposing upon local breweries. This state already has outdated and ridiculous laws regarding alcohol that leave most people dumbfounded and simply put do nothing but hurt the local economy. This state already has a hard enough time bringing in and keeping a diverse portfolio of local businesses and here we are doing everything we can to stifle those businesses and make it more difficult than is necessary to thrive.

I'm sure this has a lot to do with stakeholders of local bars pushing their interests and funding these initiatives to hurt the competition, which is quite sad. It makes no sense that a brewery can only operate between the hours of 12-8 and only serve 36 ounces, while bars can operate until 2 AM and keep serving customers until they can barely walk. Every brewery I have been to very carefully enforces this 36 ounce limit yet I cannot count the number of times I have seen patrons over-served at local bars to the point they can't walk straight or stay in their chair. This is simply something you don't see at a brewery.

If the bars are concerned they are losing business due to breweries sprouting up all over town, this is simply not the case. The clientele going to breweries are a different crowd than those regularly going to bars. The people going to breweries are looking for a quiet, low key place where they can enjoy a few beers without being inundated with the irresponsible, immature crowd that tend to be drawn to many local bars.

Please join the rest of us in the 21st century where there is room for all these local businesses to do well, because they offer different experiences and cater to different crowds. Take a look around at the cities that embrace their entrepreneurs starting up fantastic breweries and who use it to their advantage to draw additional tourism and revenue. I have been to breweries all over the country and can honestly say that Alaska has some of the best, despite their state doing everything they can to stack the deck against them. It's just sad that the state says it is ok for a weed shop to sell marijuana after 8 PM yet a brewery can't sell a beer. What sense does this make?

I hope you will consider doing what is right for local businesses, beer enthusiasts, and tourism, and not just cater to the bar owners who are pushing their own agenda. Please try to see the bigger picture here, as this state is not in a position to pick and choose which small businesses should have an advantage over the others.

Sincerely,

Jared Lonborg

**From:** [Cameron Chase](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:29:50 PM

---

Hello,

I just read your new section, 3 AAC 304.390. After reading this new regulatory section I felt the need to write on behalf of not just the brewery's and distilleries located here, but the state as whole. I don't have statistics and graphs to help my argument. And I definitely don't know how many establishments this will effect state wide. But I can tell you what I've seen here in Fairbanks personally.

I am born and raised and a current resident of Fairbanks, AK. To start I am not an avid drinker but when I do decide to have an alcoholic beverage it's really the socializing aspect that is appealing. To be clear I love these local brews and spirits. But for me the option of socializing while having a drink is really only offered to me at a distillery or brewery- and for the city of Fairbanks these places are a place of gathering for them as well. I also appreciate the limits these establishments have on how much alcohol can be served. You did well there and thank you. Because of these limits I can trust that when I go to socialize at any of these establishments that I will be leaving sober and that I can safely leave because so is everyone else. I love that I can meet friends there and my entire family can come. I mean where else can I go to have an after-work beer or spirit with families from all over Fairbanks? The fact my child can come with me to a safe and controlled environment and also socialize is something we all can appreciate. The regulation doesn't necessarily effect all the above mentioned, but it does affect the ability for these establishments to grow their customer base through community functions and coincidentally the ability for them to really have an impact on their communities. Before I started writing this I saw a post from one of our local breweries. Here is the short list of things this would be putting an end to for them: annual fundraisers for the Fairbanks Community Foodbank and the United Way of the Tanana Valley, a community half marathon, and a very notable Oktoberfest that serves as a necessary and anticipated local event. Most notable of these? Its these extra funds that will disappear for these desperately needed nonprofits. Think of this from a statewide community aspect too; all of them do events like these. It's not just our Fairbanks breweries and distilleries that this effects. It's everyone. I, like many Alaskans, look forward to grabbing a beer, socializing, supporting local business, and supporting a cause. Simply put, these events add to the list of positive ways business' can help within our communities. Let's look at this from a human standpoint too. Yes, I could send a check to United Way or the Food Bank and so could all of these establishments the regulation would effect. But these events not only do just that but they also pull communities together and make us stronger through unity and face to face relationships. A check just doesn't accomplish that.

These are businesses that are built by your own. Your people! Our people. And they have shown the state and our communities that they are also here to help. It's not just business we are talking here. It's community involvement. Communities flourish when small and big business help out their own. One thing that really makes Alaska amazing is it's people. But it's also our quirkiness, our fishing, our hunting, and the love for the outdoors. But most importantly- our heart and love of our communities that we live in. What this regulation essentially says is 'stay away, helping your community just isn't your part'. That's not our Alaskan way.

I urge you to step back and really dig down and think about these points I've put forth then ask yourself this: Are we making our communities better or worse with this regulation? Communities succeed when we can help out our own. This regulation would clearly put an end to that for distilleries and breweries.

- CC

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Greg Rutkowski](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations on AK Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:31:18 PM

---

Hello,

My name is Gregory Rutkowski and I am a 19 year Alaska resident. I disagree with the proposed additional regulations that would limit the type of events that can occur at breweries and distilleries. I understand that these are manufacturing facilities, but they already have enough restrictions on what can and cannot happen at their locations. I don't see any reason to further regulate these businesses as they do not seem to be a detriment to either the community or the economy. Over the time I have lived in Alaska these businesses have been a positive addition/alternative to bars and/or restaurants.

Please feel free to contact me.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Greg  
907-350-6742

**From:** [Patrick Gault](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:42:48 PM

---

Hello, I would like to submit a comment regarding the proposed change to 3AAC 304.390. The language used here and the proposal to define “other recreational and gaming opportunities” seems to be very vague and leaves a lot of room for “definition”. So, because we have such a large pool of opinion to fill in this case, here’s my drop of water . . . Leave the breweries alone. They already have to close at 8pm. And the brewing industry is one that is blossoming. I would like to be clear, by the way, that I do not own a brewery. If Alaska has nothing else for its future, it has at the very least the concept of prospect for small business. Alaska’s economy needs all of the fresh thinking that it can get right now. And the Pioneer bar on 4th Ave. in Anchorage does not define fresh thinking. Breweries do. Your board can choose to either support the late night haunts that we all love in a certain way but hate for the repetitive cycles they create, or you can choose to support the breweries that are creating a new form of that industry and which turn drinking into more of a social activity rather than a sport. Overall, let blooming industries do their thing.

Thanks,  
Pat Gault



**From:** [Nikki](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Amoc proposed Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:46:30 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I find it pathetic that a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries is even being considered by the board. There is a very strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces.

If the bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business, perhaps instead of looking to lobbying the government to pick them as economic winners and their competitors as losers, they should instead try to make themselves more attractive places that people actually want to patronize.

New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is supposed to be all about. Government should not be trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences, offer a better model

Regards,  
Nichole Kennedy  
907-727-2750

**From:** [Richard Etheridge](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries and distillery  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:53:09 PM

---

I am writing in support of the breweries and distilleries and not adding additional regulations restrictions on public events.

First, what specific problem are we trying to solve?

I have spent many years inspecting licensed premises for safety issues. These facilities have been very well put together, are easy to gain compliance with and are easy to work with.

These facilities provide a high class location for casual business social events, debuting new artists, and have become contributing parts of the fabric of our community.

With the State shifting costs to municipalities, adding more regulations that restrict potential revenue, it impacts local government funded social programs as well as grossly limits a new, healthy expanding industry.

Please allow business to grow and additional regulations should come down to local control to solve specific problems.

Thank you for considering these thoughts and not contributing to government overreach.

Rich Etheridge  
3774 McGinnis Drive  
Juneau, AK 99801

**From:** [Spencer Wilson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed rule change for 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:32:53 AM

---

This is proposed rule change for 3 AAC 304 is ridiculous. The board is now more than just a protectionist mouthpiece for existing liquor license holders and has fully transitioned to actively pursuing the destruction of a burgeoning industry of entrepreneurial Alaskans who represent a perceived threat to those who control and support this board.

This proposed rule change does nothing to advance public safety and will instead negatively affect my and my families enjoyment of establishments that we enjoy frequenting.

I wish for the board to reverse this proposal and instead liberalize the current rules governing breweries to allow more - not less - freedom to operate as they and their customers see fit.

-----  
Very respectfully,  
Spencer K Wilson  
222 E 7th Ave #305  
Anchorage, AK, 99501

**From:** [Brian Healy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Voting on 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:48:57 AM

---

Hello,

I'm writing about the notice of proposed changes with 3 AAC 304. As a resident and voting citizen of Alaska it is obvious to me that this is essentially anti competition rulemaking.

If it is your position that this further clarifies the intent of the law, I believe that it only clarifies it with benefit to a special few bar owners.

I believe that breweries provide a much better atmosphere towards responsible alcohol consumption and dining.

Please count me as a strongly against constituent.

Thank you

Brian Healy

**From:** [cameron.livingstone](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational / gaming opportunities proposed change  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:48:58 AM

---

Hi there,

These changes are over stepping their boundaries. It's clear that this board does not want breweries and distilleries to survive. Otherwise, this proposed change, as well as the first restrictions placed on breweries, would apply to all alcohol serving establishments.

Either change the law to include all bars, restaurants, bowling alleys, liquor stores, anywhere else that serves alcohol, or drop this rule, and let the breweries operate like real businesses.

Let Alaskan breweries thrive. This propose rule change will only hurt them more.

You should look up how much money craft beer brings into a state, county, borough, city. In the form of sales, jobs, taxes, beer tourism, etc.. Let's be known for something more than shitty puritan laws and insane government officials. Let Alaska thrive. Stop trying to put shackles on it.

Do not approve this proposed rule change.

A very concerned citizen,  
Cameron

**From:** [Dick Stock](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New regulations on breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:36:03 AM

---

Our Fairbanks family, ages 10 to 80, is very much opposed to the proposed regulations limiting social activities at these establishments. They have become a focal point of positive experiences with very, very few negatives. I've never heard of a police call to any of our local breweries. The drink limitation seems to be all that is necessary. I certainly don't hear a public outcry for these regulations so what is the board's motive in considering them? Please do not put them in place.

Richard Stock  
Fairbanks

**From:** [noreenmg94@aol.com](mailto:noreenmg94@aol.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulations Proposed  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:02:15 AM

---

Please do not put forward the proposed regulations regarding breweries, distillers and other independent business providing fundraisers and other events for our charities and artists. These entrepreneurs are not trying to compete with the local restaurants or taverns-they provide another avenue of entertainment that in itself has sufficient restrictions but are able to do good for each community it serves.  
Please !

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail  
Get the new AOL app: [mail.mobile.aol.com](http://mail.mobile.aol.com)

**From:** [Dan "Small Steps Health" Gallagher](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Law Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:51:08 AM

---

Hello all,

I'm writing seeking more information, why exactly is this being considered? The law limiting what breweries and such can do and advertise event wise to the general public?

This doesn't seem to be a good move and will limit a lot of great events that bolster the communities in Alaska as well as limit philanthropic type events that support individuals, families, businesses, as well as outside the state (there was one for Puerto Rico for the damage caused by the storm that hit).

This only seems to limit and damage not just specific businesses but the community as well. I'm having a hard time understanding the "why" behind this proposed legislation. Could people meet elsewhere and do similar things? Sure. However, this would limit places because restaurants and venues are costly and/or not sized or spaced right. The places that would be negatively impacted by this specifically arranged their spaces and setup their businesses to hold these sorts of events while remaining creative and open to other ideas and possibilities. They started and have kept an open and supportive mind for the Alaska community because so many have come from this community and wanted places that these events could happen.

I oppose this greatly, again, I do not see any good coming from this. I believe that laws (existing and new) should only be developed to bolster and improve the places they would affect. This one seems to do neither for any one or any business.

Respectfully,

Dan Gallagher



**From:** [Chris Hall](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** activities at alcohol manufacturing businesses  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:57:03 AM

---

This is driven by nothing more than a few bar owners that like to blame their lack of business on someone else. Maybe they should adjust to the market--some people do not enjoy the bar scene and the businesses they blame are providing an alternative.

**From:** [April Behr](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes Limiting Tasting Room Activities  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:05:19 AM

---

Good morning,

I would like to express my concern with and opposition to the Alcohol Board's proposed changes prohibiting breweries and distilleries from allowing festivals, games and competitions, classes, public parties, presentations or performances, and other social gatherings advertised to the public. Distilleries and breweries have brought a welcome change and alternative to the local bar scene. I am no longer in my 20's, and appreciate a venue void of thumping music, in which I can enjoy a drink, actually hear and carry on a conversation with friends, and potentially engage or participate in a community gathering such as First Friday. These activities are healthy for and enhance our community and should be encouraged, NOT unnecessarily prohibited.

Sincerely,

April Behr  
1610 Goldpointe Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
(907) 457-3118

**From:** [John Barefoot](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:16:57 AM

---

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office,

I'm not sure why you guys are so intent on attempted ruination of small businesses in Alaska. Please find something better to do with your time than coming up with asinine regulations. I doubt you'll listen to your constituents as your crusade against local breweries and distilleries has been going on for quite some time now, and it seems to be a personal one. Just what are these new regulations meant to actually do?

-jb

**From:** [Ronnie Rosenberg](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulation for breweries and distillers  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:26:35 AM

---

Please allow these businesses to host events, specifically events that are charitable benefit events. I serve as a volunteer on two community nonprofit charity boards here in Fairbanks and we scramble to raise funds. We appreciate all the help we can get from local businesses.

Ronnie Rosenberg  
P.O. Box 73755  
Fairbanks AK 99707

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jed Reagle](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:43:15 AM

---

Erika McConnell

If the current State of Alaska administration, including the Alcohol Control Board, wants to grow the economy in Alaska how are you helping the brewing and distilling industry with your new proposed regulations? Government regulations seldom help new emerging economies develop into thriving business opportunities. I thought the governor knew that.

Your proposed regulations are nothing short of attempts by bar owners to eliminate any competition. There is absolutely NO merit in your proposals to help the general public. People who attend events at these businesses seldom if ever spend time in a bar in Fairbanks.

Jed Reagle

**From:** [Emily Draper](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AAC 304.309  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:53:41 AM

---

Hello-

Redefining “other recreational and gaming opportunities” not allowed for breweries to include festivities, fundraisers, performances, and classes is detrimental for Alaskan culture. Breweries provide a space for people to get involved in their community, and taking the community aspect away from any business should never be an option. By disallowing these activities, you are doing a disservice to small town opportunities, and to small town economics. This change should not be made. Support our small businesses, don’t tear them down.

Thank you,

Emily Draper

**From:** [Brittany Robbins](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:58:55 AM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

The new definitions and restrictions proposed in 3 AAC 304.390

are ridiculous and overly restrictive. They look like an obvious ploy to restrict and ruin the community of small Alaska owned breweries and cideries- which are already following very strict rules as is. This seems to be the work of someone who is writing regulations in the interest of those who own larger bars in Alaska- it's pretty transparent that this has nothing to do with safety or common sense. Please do not include this new language in regulations.

-Brittany Robbins

**From:** [Monica Kopp](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed regulations in 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:59:11 AM

---

Hello,

I would like to voice my opinion that it is a bad idea to revise the language in 3 AAC 304.390 to prohibit community recreation events at breweries. I have lived in Fairbanks for 7 years, and Hoodoo Brewery has been a centerpiece of that community for me, providing social events that improve the integrity of our community, fundraisers for non-profits, among other great community-building acts.

A few examples of family-friendly events that would be prohibited under the new language but that are beneficial to our community are:

Hoodoo Half-marathon

Weekly run club

Yoga at the Brewery

First Friday art events

Community Food Bank fundraisers

When I am in town and see a flyer for an event at Hoodoo, be it a First Friday art show, or the Hoodoo Half-marathon, I am reminded of an establishment that cares about the mental and physical wellbeing of our city, not a company trying to sell more beer.

Please consider that the things that are prohibited in this new language can actually be beneficial to our communities, and not just drunken debauchery.

Thank you for your time,

Monica Kopp  
Former Fairbanks resident  
PO Box 1337  
Homer, AK 99603



**From:** [Morgan Michelsohn](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Really AMCO, enough is enough!  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:00:05 AM

---

The new regulations that you are trying to pass banning essentially every single activity from local breweries, wineries and distilleries can not pass.

These regulations truly indicate how out of touch with our local community AMCO has become. Banning local charities from setting up shop at tap rooms to discuss how they are trying to better our community is unconstitutional. What about all the support that local artists find in these establishments allowing them to grow their small business? Let's also not forget that these tap rooms are a safe space for people to gather, have a drink if they feel like it, and bring their families on a weekend.

It is clear that your restrictions are furthering AMCO's fight to encourage people to have to hang out at antiquated bars downtown where they feel unsafe. This needs to stop now!!

These regulations would only further hurt our community and I think there is enough of that going on in Alaska already.

Morgan Michelsohn  
RE/MAX Dynamic Properties  
REALTOR, Team Teresa Bell  
907.341.9828

**From:** [Bitty Sue](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 3 AAC 304.990 definition  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:00:49 AM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

The proposed changes to the current 3 AAC 304.990 definition pertaining to breweries in Alaska would be highly detrimental to the thriving communities that are being and have been built around the amazing local breweries all over Alaska.

I live in the Mat-Su valley and while I do not frequent any of the local breweries on a regular basis, I do enjoy participating in their special events, which would no longer be allowed under the proposed changes.

Local breweries are bringing people together in a way that bar's don't. While breweries do offer beer, often their events and gatherings have little to do with the beer and are instead a way for local folks to get together for a cause or a common interest in a safe place.

Please strongly consider refraining from including language in the proposed definition which would curtail and crush the communities that local breweries are helping to cultivate.

Sincerely,

Billie S. Longfellow  
Palmer, AK

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

**From:** [Mandee Collins](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Increased regulations on breweries, distilleries, and wineries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:06:23 AM

---

Good Morning,

I would like to note my opposition to the proposed increased regulations on breweries, distilleries, and wineries around Alaska. Here in Juneau we enjoy little, based on our isolation and extreme reliance on tourist season. Once the tourist season wraps up, a large portion of the town closes down and we're left with close to nothing - removing our ability to host parties, classes, and other events in these locations further reduces our options to come together as a community. Our First Friday events are an important part of Juneau life, especially in the winter season. It gives the community a chance to get together and enjoy each other's company, while also purchasing from local shops and the local artists they are hosting for the night. Disallowing breweries, distilleries, and wineries from participating hurts their chances immensely in making a profit and could push them towards shutting down. In addition, if they are unable to sponsor a local artist, that artist may not have the opportunity to show off their work and possibly make sales.

These locations are already heavily regulated with being unable to serve multiple drinks, play music, be open past 8 and many other regulations. It would seem that the government is attempting to so heavily regulate them, they can't even keep their doors open. Heavy regulations leading to company shut downs is bad for our economy - we are in enough of a crisis we don't need anything else closing its doors and putting people out of work.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Mandee Collins.

**From:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: New definitions of recreational activities.  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:06:29 AM

---

Comments regarding the recreation and gaming definitions:

Carrie Craig  
Occupational Licensing Examiner  
State of Alaska DCCED  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office  
550 W 7th Ave, Ste. 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

-----Original Message-----

From: AMCO Event Permits (CED sponsored) <amco.permits@alaska.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:02 AM  
To: Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC (CED sponsored) <alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov>; Smith, Jedediah R (CED) <jedediah.smith@alaska.gov>  
Subject: FW: New definitions of recreational activities.

From the Permits email.

-----Original Message-----

From: Angelina Fraize <ajfraize@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:34 PM  
To: AMCO Event Permits (CED sponsored) <amco.permits@alaska.gov>  
Subject: New definitions of recreational activities.

Hello

I'm writing in hopes that AMCO and ABC will not adopt the new definitions proposed regarding recreational activities in licensed breweries. I have worked with many local non profits and in my experience local breweries give Extensively to their communities in many ways but particular in way of donations to Non profit fundraisers. I have attended many non profit fundraisers and they have always been professionally handled and managed with alcohol present. Limiting activities in reputable businesses is unfair and if a single business is a problem there are already significantly strict laws to handle those single problems. Anchorage has too few businesses that can accommodate and host non profit fundraisers it would be a shame to limit that any more and take away community and business from family owned small businesses. In my opinion adding restrictions on alcohol does nothing to cause the real social problems we see the symptoms of in our communities but non profits are doing that business.

I hope you will reconsider hurting small businesses.

Thanks!  
Angie Fraize  
chugiak

**From:** [Tessie Gustin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** oppose proposed 3 AAC 304.990 regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:08:34 AM

---

I'd like to support my local breweries, cideries and distilleries! The proposed **oppose proposed 3 AAC 304.990 regulations** will limits my personal experience and enjoyment while visiting these establishments, all while punishing the innovation of the small business owners and entrepreneurs.

This may become detrimental to communities that have come to rely on these businesses for support during fundraising, parties, and other community activities.

I strongly oppose proposed 3 AAC 304.990 regulations.

Sincerely  
Tessie Gustin  
Sitka, AK resident  
[Tessie.gustin@gmail.com](mailto:Tessie.gustin@gmail.com)

**From:** [Dylan Pearce](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery regulation  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:23:54 AM

---

Hello,

You guys need not add more ridiculous regulations to the brewery industry. Nobody in the community asked for or wants more regulation of these businesses.

If you're maybe wondering "hey what should we do today for work?" You should go clean up trash on the streets, or spend time at a homeless shelter, or any number of things that actually benefit our Alaskan communities. Regardless, the answer to "what should we do today for work?" Is never "invent and enforce regulations nobody asked for to limit business creativity and growth."

Perhaps we should invent a regulatory body to regulate the regulations you people try to impose on everyone for no apparent reason.

NO NEW BREWERY REGULATIONS PLEASE!

Thank you,  
Dylan Pearce

**From:** [Harrison Colborn](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Change to Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:31:32 AM

---

To Whom it May Concern:

This is a massive overreach and completely unnecessary step y'all are trying to take because of the bar and restaurant lobby. But we the people don't want this so stop trying to control where we go to spend money. The local bar and restaurants wouldn't be in this situation if they actually cared about their customers. Because if they did, they'd be stepping up their game and we'd go back voluntarily. But that's not the case so they're influencing y'all to force us to go there. I'm retired and would love to spend my time doing nothing else but trying to remove every last one who votes for this. They have a 2 drink limit for God sakes, stop regulating us, it's corrupt, fundamentally dishonest and Un-American!

Harrison Colborn

**From:** [Heather Slocum](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Modification to State Statute for Distilleries and Breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:37:09 AM

---

Dear Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office,

I am writing to urge you to support Alaska's distilleries and breweries and their efforts to produce value-added Alaskan products and serve their communities. The brewery in Eagle River, Odd Man Rush is contributing immeasurable services to their community, as I'm sure other breweries and distilleries are in their respective communities. OMR and the proprietors have long been supporters of community events and non-profits. Your proposed modification to no-longer allow "festivals, games and competitions, classes, public parties, presentations or performances and other social gatherings advertised to the general public" jeopardizes their operation. I fail to understand why the Board would willingly strive to stifle a thriving Alaskan industry in this current climate of economic uncertainty. Again, I urge you to rethink this revision and allow breweries and distilleries to operate in their communities as they have been. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, as I would welcome the opportunity to talk about this issue further.

Sincerely,

Heather Slocum  
Eagle River, Alaska 99577



**From:** [Nick Giles](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:37:43 AM

---

To Whom It May Concern -

I am writing you today not in support of AAC 304.390 but in support of our vibrant local breweries, business owners, and craft beer patrons. I oppose this piece of legislation for three reasons:

First, this proposed regulation would negatively effect me; I am an instructor with the Outdoor Programs and Outreach (OPO) at Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI). The OPO Market Coordinator and myself have been trying to teach basic outdoor classes in a relaxed environment and the local breweries have been a success in other markets, such as Portland, OR, for some time. Each brewery we reach out to is afraid of push back from your board if they agree to host. Not only does this limit our ability to reach the greater community, it limits growth of new patrons to the local breweries. It also limits the amount of hours I work, resulting in smaller paychecks and less disposable income to patronize ANY alcohol establishment.

Second, I have yet to see a bar that participates in "First Friday" art events; I have never seen a bar have classes taught at it; and most of bars that are pushing for this regulation are too loud and dark to teach a class, have an art event, or fundraiser in. Bars have the entertainment monopoly as it is, they have TV's, live music, karaoke, etc.

Lastly, the type of people going to local breweries do not, for the most part, patronize bars. Craft beer enthusiasts enjoy beer they cannot drink at local bars. They like being able to bring their family or dog to the brewery. They also enjoy rotating food trucks that come to breweries, the art on the walls and other small events put on by the breweries.

Why put a stop to fundraising events, art nights, classes, ect.? It makes not cense. You will force out business collaborations and negatively effect other, even smaller businesses by taking away a space to sell and show off their wears.

Thank you for your time,

Nick Giles  
2426 Redwood St.  
Anchorage, AK 99508

**From:** [Eric Mallory](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:46:46 AM

---

Alcohol Board,

I am totally against further restricting craft breweries and taprooms. They are already heavily restricted in comparison to the Lower 48. They serve a large segment of the population that wants to go enjoy a craft beverage without going to a typical bar. I'm sure some in the "bar industry" think these breweries cut into their business, but myself and many in my community would not be going to a local bar anyway...it's just not my thing. But, I really enjoy visiting the local craft breweries for a beer or two. I urge you to not restrict them any further.

Eric Mallory

**From:** [tim@valdezoutfitters.com](mailto:tim@valdezoutfitters.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 Changes Comments  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:50:22 AM

---

To the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office,

I am writing in response to the proposed new definitions under 3 AAC 304.390 for breweries, distilleries and wineries.

It is amazing to me these stricter regulations are even being considered. Alaska already has some of the strictest laws on this industry in the United States, to make them even more strict for no true reason is unneeded and completely crippling to an industry. I have yet to hear of a major DUI issues, assault, overserving issue in our breweries in the state, I could be mistaken. But overall there has not been any large issue with this industry. So why cripple what they are allowed to do on the retail side of their business. To me this is only an issue for Bars that would like to see beer being made of rthem to serve but not allowed to be served anywhere else.

There are many small breweries in the state that have no plans on bottling a single once of beer for distribution. To say the brewery license is only designed for this purpose is go backwards in an industry that is responsibly growing and giving back to communities. I hope the board realizes these are regulations excessive and really should be considering the opposite options to allowed the industry to grow and continue employing Alaskans with Alaskan owned business.

*Tim Bouchard*

***Valdez Outfitters***

[www.valdezoutfitters.com](http://www.valdezoutfitters.com)

[tim@valdezoutfitters.com](mailto:tim@valdezoutfitters.com)

PO Box 967, Valdez AK 99686

Office: (907) 255-4555

Cell: (907) 322-3825

**From:** [Mike Druce](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:57:38 AM

---

As an occasional patron of our local brewery and restaurant, I encourage the board to rescind regulations that prohibit entertainment and activities at such businesses for the following reasons:

- 1-Such establishments serve as a gathering place for citizens, thus contributing to a sense of community.
- 2-Outdoor and off site activities contribute monies to local organizations as fund raisers.
- 3-Such activities generate revenue for the state.

A stated goal of the current administration is attracting new businesses and industry to our state in order to generate revenue. Regulations that shut off potential revenue stand in direct opposition to that goal.

Please allow these businesses to grow.

Michael Druce  
38240 Robinson Loop Rd  
Sterling, AK 99672

**From:** [Shanna Davidson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please DO NOT approve ACC 304-990  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:58:07 AM

---

Hello AMCO,

I was extremely disappointed to find out about the proposed amendment to AAC 304.990.

I, like many other Alaskan residents, support the breweries and cideries that have opened throughout the state. The proposed increased restrictions on these businesses will hurt the companies, patrons, and communities. As a supporter of restaurants, bars, & breweries, I enjoy being able to visit each location based on the atmosphere, menu, and **especially** the activities occur there.

The tasting rooms at breweries provide a location where we can gather to celebrate the delicious products that our talented brewers create. Many of these specialized craft beers & ciders are not able to be produced in large enough quantities to justify distribution to other venues. We must instead visit the brewery where to celebrate the company that we love. **Attending gatherings such as informational lectures, fundraisers, first Friday's, and concerts are an important part of bringing communities together.**

Please do not prohibit the breweries from taking part in these social activities that are found daily in the bars & restaurants.

Cheers,  
Shanna Davidson  
9580 Carlson Road  
Anchorage, Alaska  
907-229-6214

**From:** [Candace White](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding Regulating Festivities at Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:11:57 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

I find it pathetic that a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries is even being considered by the board. There is a very strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces. Furthermore, many of these local establishments provide a strong community element that helps us feel connected to the people around us and makes Anchorage and surrounding areas a much more desirable place to live, work and patronize.

If the bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business, perhaps instead of looking to lobbying the government to pick them as economic winners and their competitors as losers, they should instead try to make themselves more attractive places that people actually want to patronize. New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is supposed to be all about. The government should not be trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences, offer a better model.

Regards,

Candace White

**From:** [Ben Hulbert](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390.  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:12:50 AM

---

As a resident of AK I felt the need to tell you that this proposal will only have a negative impact on our community. I can't think of a single reason this regulation has been proposed. If you don't want to be part of an event, gathering, class or performance at a brewery then don't! Please dont pass more senseless regulations that will negatively impact local businesses and our community.

Benjamin Hulbert  
Sterling, AK

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Terri Cadzow](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO / PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:17:31 AM

---

Hello Fellow Fairbankans.

I hope this email finds you well,

Today i read some unsettling news that AMCO is seeking to further restrict the way that many fairbankans gather at local breweries. I ask that before you vote you ask yourself what those on your board may have to gain in their personal businesses by restricting where we, free alaskans, choose to spend our time and money. Are there any conflicts of interest? Does anyone have a family member that owns other establishments in town? If they do, i ask you state your conflict and abstain from this vote and conversation. I also ask what good may come from the decision to further restrict these fine, tax paying, job creating establishments? Does that good out weigh the good that is done for local non-profits summed with the good of jobs and tax revenue? Please consider all of this carefully as businesses and jobs are at stake. Thank you,

Respectfully  
Danielle C.



**From:** [Marna Sanford](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Hopkins, Grier \(LEG\)](#); [Coghill, John \(LEG\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed amendment to 3 AAC 304.990  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:28:05 AM

---

The proposed clarification to AS 04.11.130(e) is short sighted and misguided. Breweries and distilleries are filling a much needed void in the Interior. They are providing a family friendly place to come together to support local artists, to support local wellness, to support family togetherness. This amendment seems rooted in special interest and I would strongly recommend you scrapping it.

I realize that perhaps the problem lies in the way that the statute is worded so am including my legislators on this email in the hopes that if you go forward with our business killing proposal that one or the other, or both of them will consider legislation to amend the statute to strike "live entertainment" and " other recreational...opportunities."

This shouldn't be about bars vs. breweries. This should be about creating jobs and creating a great place to live and recreate.

Marna Sanford

HD4, SDB

**From:** [Allison Koos Fox](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed new regulations on manufacturers  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:35:10 AM

---

Good morning,

I am writing to let you know that as an AK resident and voter I'm opposed to the new regulations proposed that would stop manufacturers from hosting events. I think this is a terrible idea and very shortsighted. I moved here from Colorado, where breweries are a huge part of the social and tourism market, and generate significant revenue for their cities. They are also a foundation of local non profits, which is also what Ive found to be the case here in Anchorage. Do not limit local business! Do not limit their ability to share the good our non-profits are working to do in our community.

Thank you,

Allison Koos Fox

Anchorage AK resident

**From:** [Brianna Pauling](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding "Other Recreational or Gaming Opportunities"  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:39:11 AM

---

Good morning,

I am opposed to prohibiting tasting rooms to advertise and host recreational, gaming, and entertainment activities. Frankly, when I heard about the proposed change, I thought it was a joke. However, it seems I was wrong, so I guess I have to put in my two cents.

In my experience, these types of events have only ever enhanced our community experience and promoted local business, including the establishment itself, artists, food vendors, community organizations, etc. The benefits are far-reaching both economically and socially. Further, the venues are a far better alternative for mature consumers that want to hang around other people and take in some culture or play a round of trivia than, say, a local bar where shots are being fired, brawls break out, thefts occur, and people are sexually mistreated. I will take a mid-evening black and white party at Hoarfrost, a tour of Hoodoo facilities, or a First Friday event at the Fairbanks Distilling Company over a drunkfest at The Spur any day.

We are not in a prohibition-era and God forbid we should ever be in my lifetime. There is no reason to create an extreme and overarching blanket regulation that dampens a really cool industry that Fairbanks enjoys and profits from. I would prefer to continue to see local businesses thrive and host fun events that bring people together, release them from the winter funk, and give tourists cool venues to check out. However, I'm sure that some egregious event occurred that prompted this proposed regulation change. Either that, or someone on the board has an interest in seeing some establishments shutter their doors. In light of erring on the side of the former, I propose that regulations be created that focus on the outcomes of hosting risky events rather than banning them altogether. Finally, if these regulations are really being proposed to better align the establishments with the intent of manufacturing licenses, then perhaps the licenses should change to better reflect not just the culture of Fairbanks, but the rest of the U.S.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.  
Brianna Pauling

**From:** [Gabrielle Markel](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:44:18 AM

---

Hello,

I am writing as an Alaskan resident to comment on the proposed changes to the definition of “other recreational or gaming opportunities.” I do not think this should be changed to be defined more restrictively because of how it would limit the opportunities for small Alaskan businesses to promote community gatherings.

I live in Girdwood and Girdwood Brewing Co, regardless of the fact it serves beer, is and has always been a community and safe family gathering place. It is an asset to the community in its ability to host events of all kinds and I would be extremely disappointed to see it limited in this sense. Please do not hurt our community!

Thank you,

Gabrielle Markel

**From:** [Robert Sivertsen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries, distilleries and wineries proposed regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:52:00 AM

---

Robert Sivertsen  
3817 Alaska Avenue  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

August 29, 2019

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
Main: 907.269.0350

To Whom it may concern,

Am writing in protest to your proposed changes to AS 04.16.030, AS 04.11.1170(e) and 3 AAC 304.380 concerning breweries, distilleries and wineries.

I understand the need to regulate these businesses differently than retail establishments pursuant to activities of gaming, live entertainment, televisions, dancing etc. Their operation model is more restrictive than retail liquor establishment in regards to seating, quantities of product served for consumption, hours of operation: and they are limited to the product they produce on the licensed premises. And furthermore, I don't believe that restricting the ability to hold classes, promote fundraiser within the community to help non-profits, individuals in need due to extenuating circumstances, political rallies, or displaying local art and culinary cuisine is in the best interest of the people of the state, region or communities they do business in.

What this state lacks is private businesses locally owned in support of their communities. To pass regulations further restricting breweries, distilleries and wineries kills the opportunity for them to develop and exist. Not all of them or as large or successful as the Juneau brewing operation. They are small individually owned companies providing a taxable business in our weakened economy. In Ketchikan they would have the opportunity to provide an attraction serving the seasonal tourism business plus provide a year around opportunity for local residence to do something different to pass the long winter months. Please support commerce and allow it to grow and not over regulate it restricting opportunities. Let's support small business.

Robert Sivertsen  
Life long resident of Alaska

I am representing my personal opinion and have no business or financial interest in any business related to this subject.

**From:** [Eric Graves](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:55:20 AM

---

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed regulation 3 AAC 304.390. Breweries and Distilleries are already overly regulated and this is an anti business proposal. Thanks, Eric Graves  
Ester, Alaska

**From:** [Lynx Mullen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Control freak much?  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:57:44 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

This is so wrong. First I do not drink. Not an alcoholic, just do not drink, but I like going to events and I like music and the rules about alcohol and music are over the top control freak nonsense. Now this is even more absurd. It is better for people to have something else to do where alcohol is being served. It slows drinking. It makes it about the event and not drinking. If the only places that serve alcohol are only places that it is about serious drinking then it separates our society even more. The drinkers drink and the rest of us have nothing to do and no where to socialize. I love to dance and I like to go do it at a beer and wine place but you all have your 11 o'clock rule and I have yet to hear a good reason for it but more control. "It helps the people with a license" is not an adequate reason.

I think that the brewery's are a good fun place to have music and art and over all fun. Stop being so unreasonable.

Lynx Mullen

**From:** [mlmark5@aol.com](mailto:mlmark5@aol.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Disagree with proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390 definitions  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:01:55 AM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed definition changes which would severely limit all of the positive activities and public support that the small breweries and distilleries in this state provide to their communities. I feel that this is just another attempt at limiting the commercial competition that the breweries have had on the restaurant and bar associations. I am a 65 year old, retired military officer, athlete, ex-business owner and parent. I am conservative in nature. I have been very impressed at the degree that the breweries that I have become familiar with, in this state, contribute to their local communities. They support artists, chefs, musicians, they support and organize athletic events, they raise funds for needy individuals and families, among many other positive and caring activities to support their local communities. This attempt at severely limiting much, if not all of the good that these businesses contribute to society is mind-bogglingly stupid, biased, and I strongly suspect self-serving. Alaska is too small of a state for the backers of this proposed change to hide from. Please educate yourselves about all the good that the businesses, which you apparently are trying to put out of business, and in doing so, remove a very beneficial component of a functioning society which is strongly supported.

Respectfully submitted,  
Capt. Michael Mark (Ret.)  
Eagle River, Alaska



**From:** [Bryce Mecum](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on proposed changes on definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:08:56 AM

---

To whom it may concern at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board:

I am writing this comment in response to the noticed of proposed changes [1] entitled

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

and regarding 3 AAC 304.390. **I strongly encourage the board to take no action on this regulation change.** I live in Juneau and the number of positive, energizing community events our local alcohol manufacturers have hosted in the last couple of years are too many to count. Any law that restricts alcohol manufacturers from hosting public events such as a fundraisers, art shows, or campaign rallies would be a net harm to our community and, I expect, others throughout Alaska.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or comments.

Bryce Mecum  
1508 Glacier Ave.  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

[1] [https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=195261&fbclid=IwAR0Sbo5CA0\\_9GckOrOY9fSE1LijZi4W3g8gwVZMvTSluktazTvzzMsmTBSE](https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=195261&fbclid=IwAR0Sbo5CA0_9GckOrOY9fSE1LijZi4W3g8gwVZMvTSluktazTvzzMsmTBSE)

**From:** [Lanie McCarry](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against the proposed regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:13:09 AM

---

I oppose the proposed regulations that prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting any gatherings or events.

These places are bringing the community together, they are facilitating art and small businesses that are helping the community. If the bars don't like how much draw these places have, then they should be figuratively and literally cleaning up their businesses and putting forth effort to better their bars, rather than trying to inhibit distilleries and breweries—which they are ALREADY doing by the current regulation, ie. two drink minimum, closing by 8 pm, etc.

I would much rather spend my money at these distilleries and breweries than the bars in town.

I OPPOSE the proposed regulations prohibiting craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting any gatherings or events.

Thank you.

--

---

Lanie McCarry

**From:** [Ron Berntsen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** More Regs?  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:14:31 AM

---

Dear sirs or madams,

Putting more regulations on small business local breweries is a travesty! You know all the facts about small breweries and should know they are great for the communities they are located in.

If any more regulations are needed they should be put on bars. Bars have no limit on how much they can serve, rarely host local artists, have no ties to the communities they are located in, rarely give back to the community, and are hot spots for crime. This can not be said for breweries as they are held to the highest of standards in the nation for no good reason. Seems like another case of the big guys suppressing the little guy.

Please no more regulations for great, small business, locally owned, community minded breweries.

Thank you for your time.

**Ron Berntsen Jr.**

"Great moments are born from great opportunities." ~ **Herb Brooks**

**From:** [Megan Moody](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:17:12 AM

---

It would be a detriment to our community to limit what our local breweries are doing for our community empowerment.

I play roller derby and we often have events hosted by our local breweries this helps bring our community closer. I am not okay with this policy.

Thank you,  
Megan Moody

**From:** [Bree Villar](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** DO NOT PASS  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:18:22 AM

---

Hello,

I am writing in response to my concerns about the regulation of breweries, wineries and cideries. As a lifelong Alaskan, the State (AMCO) already has strict regulations, and this is beyond necessary. Breweries, taprooms, and cideries have always been about more than just serving drinks: serving as community hubs, gathering places (for singles and families), and sources of local identity and pride. They're also increasingly serving as engines of economic development and catalysts for cities and towns, especially in small towns.

These changes will negatively affect our community, and my family. DO NOT PASS.

Thanks,  
Bree

--

Brianne (Bree) Gorham  
907-952-1211

**From:** [Susan Smalley](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Change in regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:22:15 AM

---

To whom it may concern:

The proposed new regulations regarding events at brewing places would be crippling for many worthwhile non-profits in our communities - at a time when the state is pinched and local entities are trying to fill the void.

I don't drink beer. But I am so grateful for businesses like Kenai River Brewery who are so incredibly generous in a wide variety of ways. The Bathroom to Brewery .5K is just one example. Scores of people of all ages walk this grueling 1640 feet of fun and refreshments (non-alcoholic) and carbs to raise thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society - a sponsorship and venue that would not be available under these new circumstances.

There are many more negative effects if you choose this route.

More regulations?? Seriously, it seems like a giant backwards step in a time when raising money is more and more necessary.

Sincerely,

Hal and Susie Smalley  
105 Linwood lane  
Kenai, Ak 99611

**From:** [Megan Mackey](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:24:03 AM

---

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident and registered voter in Juneau, Alaska, and I strongly oppose these proposed regulatory changes because they would negatively affect me and my community.

The proposed regulatory changes would prohibit craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries from hosting community gatherings such as receptions for non-profits, fundraisers for people in need, and events to support local artists. These events greatly enhance our community in Juneau and it would hurt our community to have them taken away. Establishments like Devil's Club and Amalga Distillery in Juneau support our community, the arts, and other small businesses. They are a positive presence and they fill a needed niche in Juneau by offering family-friendly gathering spaces.

Please consider the benefit to the community and do not follow through on these regulatory changes. These small businesses should be supported, not punished.

Sincerely,  
Megan Mackey  
Juneau, AK

**From:** [jamie robinson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Prohibiting breweries from events  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:26:14 AM

---

Hello,

I'm emailing in regards to the regulation trying to pass for distilleries/breweries not being able to host events. I do NOT agree with this. I enjoy going to events hosted by local breweries or seeing them serving at public events. I do NOT enjoy going to bars, it's not a fun social scene for me. I enjoy going to an event with my husband and having a local brewery there to buy from.

I hope that you reconsider this regulation.

Jamie Robinson  
Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Hannah Goodwin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:27:29 AM

---

Good morning AMCO,

I was very saddened to hear about the proposal of new regulations that would prohibit breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting fundraisers and gatherings. In Juneau, Amalga Distillery, Devil's Club Brewery and Barnaby Brewery have hosted events like these for quite a while, which was enriched life here in Juneau. If this regulation passes, I simply don't understand how this benefits Juneau. We are a small town, so having events like this bring us together as a community and makes the residents more informed and involved. How can this be a bad thing? Bar owners and package store owners are doing everything they can to shut down the new businesses in Juneau and are spreading misinformation. I have personally talked with a Juneau package store owner about her qualms with Amalga, Devil's Club and Barnaby and the information she's been telling to anyone who listens was horrendously incorrect and hurtful. I know that you know the correct information and would hope that you don't give in to pressure from other liquor license owners who simply don't know the facts. Amalga, Devil's Club and Barnaby have added a lot to the community of Juneau and I sincerely hope that you reconsider the new regulations.

Hannah

**From:** [Jessica Davila](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distilleries and breweries community gatherings  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:36:50 AM

---

Please reconsider not allowing local spaces such as breweries and distilleries hosting community events. These spaces make our community rich. I was pregnant not drinking and enjoyed many a gathering at amagla and enjoyed the space. I don't know why we couldn't keep supporting local business to do this for our communities. I love these events in these spaces.

Jessica Davila  
130 Jenck rd  
Ketchikan Alaska 99901

**From:** [Josie Beck](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:42:27 AM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing in regards to the proposed new regulation that would prohibit craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries from hosting fundraisers, festivals, markets, pop-ups, etc.

I understand you have a job to do, and that these things are much more complex than the public would ever give you credit for or stop and consider. I would love to hear the reasoning behind this new proposal and how you believe it could positively impact business and our communities.

I'm a Juneau resident and am married to a Police Sergeant on the Juneau Police Department. There are very few places in town where my husband can feel comfortable being at to enjoy a drink out with friends, go on a date night, or go out for that one night every other week we get to spend alone together that he's off work and our kids are occupied.

The local craft breweries and distillery have provided a "safe space", if you will, for us to go to where he isn't worried about running into people he deals with on the job.

On Wednesday nights one of the local craft breweries hosts a "pizza night" that's drawn a big following; people anxious to see what new flavor combo they'll come up with and meet up with friends and other locals.

My husband and I were able to attend many of these this past winter, and I can't explain how important this space and event became to us and our marriage as time together and opportunities for him to relax and unwind are hard to come by.

There are so many stories like mine. Please consider the negative impact removing the opportunity for these kinds of events would have on our communities, and the families and each individual story in them. I invite and encourage you to come check out the next pop-up, or pizza night at Devils Club Brewery or Amalga Distillery!

Thank you for your time,

-Josie Beck

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dave & Diane Powers](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Changes on Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:42:57 AM

---

I want to comment on further prohibit onsite activities at alcohol manufacturing businesses. I disagree and feel that this will greatly impact small towns that don't have enough public spaces. The business is offering their space for charitable reason. This is not called for.

If this is not the space to comment, please let me know.

Thanks

Diane McRoberts Powers

Girdwood

907-230-2439

**From:** [Amanda Triplett](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Oppose the New Regulations to Craft Breweries, Distilleries and Wineries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:56:21 AM

---

Hello,

My name is Amanda Triplett, and I live in Juneau, AK.

I strongly oppose the new regulations to limit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting receptions, fundraisers, and other outreach events for the public. These spaces help our community come together. These events help support our local businesses.

Please continue to allow craft breweries, distilleries and wineries to host events for our Alaskan communities.

Sincerely,  
Amanda

**Amanda Triplett**

**From:** [Joe Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** please stop  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:58:33 AM

---

I read of the nonsense of the alcohol control board wanting to further regulate breweries/tap houses. please don't do this. I will not step foot into a traditional "bar" for many reasons. I feel comfortable going to place like HooDoo in Fairbanks. I don't mind the current rules/regulations/limitations but any more would be detrimental to myself and others who frequent such places.

Alaska needs MORE small businesses who hire locals, not less. We do NOT need to give more power to bar owners who hire bar flies and run shady operations that allow for and even encourage a culture of violence. So far as I know there has not been a murder at any brew house/tap house but SEVERAL have occurred at or as a result of bar.

Leave the breweries/tap houses alone. If anything change the bar rules to more closely reflect the rules of breweries/tap houses.

Joe Kennedy,  
Tax paying citizen and occasional customer at breweries.  
Fairbanks, AK

**From:** [Richard Tuott](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** new regs  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:59:15 AM

---

In regard to new proposal being considered by your committee controlling hosting of events by small breweries.....Can anyone on this committee give me a valid reason why these functions are a problem? Other than the fact that CHARR feels threatened by their success? I don't do bars. I hate the size, the noise, the smells of the crowds, the obvious party night hook ups..no, no, no, and again no. I will go to the small gathering place, quiet, friendly with the option available for buying food. As well as the quality of the product. The passage of these new prohibitions is telling. Maybe the larger businesses could take a lesson or two for providing options for those of us who don't like the bar scene.

Do not pass these new regs.

Peg Tuott

**From:** [Rachael Bridwell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:02:36 AM

---

I oppose the change in interpretation to current regulations.

Rachael Bridwell  
907-205-1525

~Sent from Rachael's iPhone~



**From:** [James](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Distillery/Brewery  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:02:51 AM

---

Hello,

I live in Juneau and want to express my frustration with the current attempt to change 3 AAC 304 to further restrict how we can enjoy what the Distillery and Breweries have to offer. We have already settled this issue, greatly restricting what can be sold, how much, and when as well as how the space of a tasting room can be used.

Last week, I saw a couple with a teen in a tasting room. The couple enjoyed their beverages while the teen took out a deck of cards to play Solitaire, quietly entertaining himself while his parents did their thing- immediately prompting the tasting room staff to come over and ask him to put the cards away as there is a strict prohibition of games being played in their space. He did and life went on. However, if this is not one of the most petty, immature and absurd examples you've ever heard of just how terribly restricted the tasting room spaces already are, I don't know what more is reasonably expected.

I also make my living in a bar and fully support the tasting rooms operating to the current limitations. The community desperately needs their spaces- as evidenced to their enormous popularity. They offer something different from a bar and that's why the people go who go. They don't want a bar at that time, for that purpose. They don't want to hold a fundraiser or community meeting or staff appreciation party at a bar, plain and simple. There are enough people to patronize both and if the bars still feel that they are suffering because of tasting rooms, they should look at their own businesses to ask why they don't have patrons. It's likely because they aren't doing their job to create a clean, safe space with welcoming staff and affordable drinks.

Thank you for your consideration,  
James Hoagland  
2180 Lawson Creek Rd, Douglas

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [lauralye miko](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** NO to new regulations on craft breweries, distilleries and wineries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:04:32 AM

---

Good Afternoon, I am writing you today because I have recently heard that AMCO is currently proposing new regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting community events and gatherings.

I oppose these changes in interpretation to the current regulations, and ask that you reconsider these changes for numerous reasons.

Breweries and Distilleries have a MUCH different atmosphere than a bar. All the alcohol served is HIGHLY regulated, and I have never encountered a drunk person at one of these locations as of yet. Breweries tend to be clean, open, bright, and close early. They are two different type of business models with two different purposes. As I get older I want a location where I can have a drink and meet up with friends that isn't a bar. Where the goal is to meet with people in my community and try the new brews and concoctions of Alaskan Entrepreneurs in the safety of a highly regulated environment.

Often my friends who want to continue drinking, will head to the bars after we try locally crafted brews. The bars still have their purpose and won't be replaced. Juneau will always go to the bars. They are far from danger.

As an artist, the local breweries and distillers have offered a space for community, the arts, and other small business owners to benefit from. They host receptions for non-profits, fundraisers for those in need, and provide a space for community outreach. They support local artists through First Fridays, Makers Markets, and pop ups.

I don't understand why the regulations need to be reinterpreted. Our local distilleries and breweries have to survive too to help our local economy, and they are not competing with bars that sell standard shelf alcohol and beer. These changes are vindictive and mean, and will hurt local business owners, artists, and non-profits. They already have different rules of operations than bars do, and they respect those.

Thanks for taking time to consider this.

Laura Burnet

**From:** [Tami Murray](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#); [AMCO Event Permits \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed new 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:05:37 AM

---

Good morning,

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed new 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities"

My understanding is the new definition will include festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, (except for private parties limited to specific guests), presentations or performances, other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

As a fundraising professional and employee of a nonprofit as well as a nonprofit board member in a community that is supported by many of your proposed "recreational and gaming opportunities" this proposal will be devastating and is certainly an overreach. The Breweries and Distilleries are already over-regulated. They are **manufacturers** and they support our community like no other **retailer**.

They provide a safe, friendly environment that doesn't overserve and will always step up when asked.

I'm asking you to please reconsider the clarification, don't limit entrepreneurialism, consider supporting and encourage business development and in turn help an already struggling nonprofit sector.

Regards,

Tami Murray  
Soldotna Resident  
Development Director for the Kenai Watershed Forum  
Board President for the Tustumena 200 Sled Dog Race  
Volunteer for countless area nonprofits

**From:** [Molly Zaleski](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** regulation changes in 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:05:26 AM

---

I oppose the regulation changes proposed to redefine "other recreational or gaming opportunities" that would negatively impact the business model of our local craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries. I live in Juneau and when I go out to drink it's for a fun social cause or a First Friday art showing at either Amalga Distillery or Devil's Club Brewing Company. I like the opportunity to engage with my friends without it being a typical bar situation - I like sampling new drinks but appreciate the limit. I like that these aren't late-night establishments to get drunk and rowdy at, but tasting rooms with social gatherings. These types of establishments are good for our downtown community, and I know locals and tourists alike enjoy what they offer. Standard bars hold their own appeal, but that's not everyone's cup of tea (or pint of beer, as it were). We shouldn't be forcing these changes on successful businesses that hold their own corner of the market and benefit the community.

~ Molly Zaleski, Juneau resident

**From:** [Jonathan Wood](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Concerned Citizen  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:07:07 AM

---

Greetings,

I was recently made aware of a current proposal by AMCO to redefine and/or propose new and additional regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting gatherings such as fundraisers, art exhibits, makers markets, etc.

I STRONGLY oppose this action by AMCO. As a resident of Juneau, I greatly appreciate what Amalga Distillery, Devil's Club Brewery and Barnaby Brewing have added to our small community. These LOCAL businesses have greatly enhanced the downtown experience and are a primary reason that my wife and I spend time in the downtown area.

The traditional bars in Juneau are dangerous, unfriendly, unclean and greatly detract from a vibrant downtown. This opinion is shared by most of my peers. It feels like these bars are threatened by Juneau's successful, new craft breweries and distillery and rather than improve their own business to effectively compete for patrons; it seems their desired path forward is to assume the victim role and attack. It's pretty pathetic behavior and only galvanizes potential patrons' reluctance to visit them.

As a state on the brink of economic collapse, it seems like AMCO would SUPPORT the successful businesses that are our local breweries, distilleries and wineries as opposed to attacking them in a very transparent way. This is shameful behavior and I hope AMCO will change course.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Wood  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [Letasha McKoy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing Interpretation Change  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:07:21 AM

---

Dear AMCO board and whomever else this may concern -

I am writing in opposition of the interpretation change to the current AMCO regulations. I'm going to make this short and sweet:

We already have really stringent regulations in place in comparison to a ton of other states. That being said, good for us, right? But, what good is it to prevent philanthropy, local vendor support, and non-profit support at these businesses? Who does that benefit at all?

There are bigger issues at hand in the world that we can address as a community. Leave the breweries and distilleries alone, as again, they're already abiding by the rules currently in place sufficiently enough. The whole community (except for a few self-interest motivated individuals) thinks so. They are just providing a much needed space for positive interactions, community support, and great drinks.

Thanks for hearing me out. Hope you do the right thing!

Tasha

**From:** [Schuyler Young](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:11:15 AM

---

I'm writing you today to show support for the craft breweries and distilleries ability to host events on site. I have attended events and hosted events in bars, breweries, restaurants and distilleries all over the state. The wineries, distilleries and breweries have much more accommodating management and staff with great reviews and turnout from guests. These facilities are a great benefit to the local community and to non profits. The proposed restrictions on these venues will only hurt small non profits and local talent from putting together low budget events.

Sincerely,  
Schuyler Young

**From:** [Mandy Hope](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes on Definitions of Recreational or Gaming Opportunities  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:14:12 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am a concerned Alaskan citizen who is rightfully upset about the proposed addition (3 AAC 304.390) to the Alaska Administrative Code. This new regulation does not represent the desires of the general public and is obviously backed by a biased group with something to lose if the bar/restaurant industry declines. If bar owners or distributors think that social activities at breweries and distilleries are causing them to lose business, perhaps they should try to make themselves more attractive to potential patrons rather than lobbying the government to remove the competition. Newer business models followed by breweries, wineries, cideries and distilleries are promoting economic growth by engaging with the public and collaborating with other local businesses, organizations and nonprofits. Why the government is getting involved in this activity is confusing, if not suspicious, and it should stop now.

Regards,

Mandy Hope  
Palmer, AK



**From:** [Daniel F Kirkwood](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New breweries regulations.  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:14:17 AM

---

Breweries and distilleries in our community have created welcoming, safe spaces. These businesses support a richer community through their fundraising and receptions.

People don't want to host their fundraisers at a normal bar. Normal bars are welcome to remodel their spaces and provide this same welcoming environment if they see the market demand. Otherwise there is no need to regulate producers out of this space.

Dan Kirkwood  
Juneau Alaska.

--

Daniel F. Kirkwood  
[dfkirkwood@gmail.com](mailto:dfkirkwood@gmail.com)

**From:** [Kjersti Arnold](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** STOP REGULATING EVERYTHING  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:17:38 AM

---

Hello,

Please stop with all the senseless regulations. I strongly disagree with the new potential regulations limiting manufacturers like breweries and cideries from hosting events. These events help to foster community relations! Stop with the regulations!

These places are businesses just like anyone else- quit singling them out. Stop favoring one business over another. Let competition be the guide!

Thank you!  
Kjersti Arnold  
Nick Arnold  
Greg Myhre  
Debbie Myhre

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Alison Krein](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Notice of changes re: recreational or gaming opportunities  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:19:58 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to changing the regulations to distilleries, breweries, and wineries in regards to holding special events and fundraisers on their premises.

The entities that hold these events are usually non-profit organizations; many based around the arts. There is no overlap with bars, as these types of events would never be held in a bar. The bar environment is a substantially different atmosphere; one that is not appropriate for fundraising and arts events.

These spaces are needed in the limited variety of venues available in Alaska. If everything is a bar or a church, there is no place for light social gathering. Alaskans need something in-between. There are enough limitations (early closure, drink minimums) for distilleries, breweries, and wineries that distinguish this use. These new spaces are popular for a reason: they are providing the type of venue that communities really need. A type that bars, restaurants, and coffee shops (not open in the evening) cannot.

Personally, they provide no conflict at all. I hate bars. My husband hates bars. Many of our friends feel the same. People are drunk in bars. People are rude and even sometimes dangerous in bars-- and outside of them. Bars are not losing business from us. These venues are not bars. And that's a good thing.

Best,  
Alison Krein

**From:** [Genevieve Johnson Perreault](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** OPPOSED - Proposed Changes to Regulations Re: "Entertainment" at Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:25:26 AM

---

I am writing in staunch opposition to any increased regulation of breweries and distilleries in the way they conduct onsite entertainment and events.

Breweries and distilleries provide cultural and economic value to the state. Period. There is no reason to curb their enterprise. They provide a venue for a wide variety of community events - First Friday art openings, Oktoberfest celebrations, running club meet-ups, to name but a few - in a safe and family-friendly environment. Breweries and distilleries are already restricted by the amount of alcohol they can legally serve and need no further restrictions.

I am a mother of three elementary school-age children, all of whom have visited HooDoo for a root beer and patio playtime while the adults relax peacefully. My book club frequently meets up at Ursa Major in Ester where we can bring in outside food and chat over a cocktail in a quiet atmosphere. Fairbanks Distillery has provided a fantastic venue for First Friday art openings and lectures. I have met up with friends at Hoarfrost Distillery after work, and their child can sit quietly in the corner and read while adults converse. There is no bar (or restaurant or public space) that would be an appropriate substitute for these activities.

This past July, I visited Juneau's Amalga Distillery and was impressed by the crowd of poster art enthusiasts who congregated there on First Friday - families, tourists, artists, and regulars all mixing together and forming a vibrant community. Do not take that vibrant community away from us with this craven attempt by the bar industry to restrict its competitors.

Genevieve Johnson Perreault  
Fairbanks

**From:** [Ryan](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov); [Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov)  
**Subject:** AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:28:20 AM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes on definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities (AAC304.390)

AMCO is housed in the department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. It is antithetical to the Department of Commerce's mission to "Promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska." and the Economic Development Divisions mission "to promote economic development." The Division of Community and Regional affairs mission to "Promote strong communities and healthy economies." would also be violated with these regulations. To further limit the ability of breweries in Alaska to conduct business in the state by restricting the activities allowed at these small businesses would indicate a disregard for the guiding principles of the departments tasked with overseeing the economic health of our state.

To ignore the mission statements of the divisions in which AMCO is housed, is bad enough. But there is no clear indication or explanation of how these overbearing regulations would even support AMCO's own mission to "Enforce alcohol and marijuana commerce laws and provide clear, consistent standards for licensure to protect the public from harm." What harm to the public will be caused by a brewery hosting a fundraising event for a non-profit? In fact the public harm may be significant decreases in funding for these non-profits that provide vital public safety and community services. What harm to the public will come from the public being able to meet a local artist and perhaps purchase a piece of their work? What harm will come to the public by restricting educational brewery tours or classes and clinics from local small business? The premise of these regulation changes is thin at best and blatantly discriminatory on its face. I encourage AMCO to live up to its mission and the missions on the departments housing it.

Local Breweries have proven to be key drivers of vibrant communities and economic development throughout the United States. The ability of these businesses to provide a safe, clean and vibrant location for local non-profit organizations, artists and other small businesses to share their work with the community is not met by other businesses. The impact on the non-profit community alone should be enough to stop this blatant overreach of government regulation. Further, the ability of artists and other small businesses to partner with breweries adds to the economic growth in Alaska at a time where supporting small business and economic development is critical to the health of our communities and economy. It appears on the surface to be an attempt by a small group to squash a vibrant and growing industry because they feel threatened by its success. Capitalism would dictate that business owners concerned with losing business to breweries are welcome to take the risk to start their own breweries rather than try to destroy an industry through excessive and punitive regulations.

Current data (<https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/brewersassoc/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/State-by-State-Breakdown-2017.pdf>) indicates that craft breweries in Alaska employ over 1500 full time employees with an average wage of \$46,502 which has an economic impact of \$307,739,000 or \$584.04/21+ Adult in the state. The ability of these craft breweries to leverage this economic contribution by supporting other small businesses, artists and non-profits through events, festivals, classes, presentations and other types of organized social gatherings further supports healthy and vibrant communities. The restriction of "other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public." is particularly concerning and is excessively broad, and overly vague.

My own small business would love to be able to partner with our local craft brewery to support community events, provide classes, showcase our work, grow small business and increase our contributions to the economic health and growth of our community. You see, these regulations not only hurt the breweries, but other small businesses as well. With the limited commercial space in Girdwood, it is extremely challenging for many small businesses to secure a

storefront for these things. The brewery can provide this space in a way that builds community, showcases the connections and strength of our community and makes a relaxed and safe environment.

Please abandon this wrong headed move towards excessive government overreach and the abandonment of capitalist ideals.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi  
PO box 1914  
Girdwood, Alaska 99587

**From:** [AMCO Event Permits \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Tami Murray](#); [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#); [AMCO Event Permits \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed new 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:28:41 AM

---

Thank you for your written comment. Can you please send this to the following email address so that it can be handled by the appropriate staff:

[Amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:Amco.regs@alaska.gov)

Thank you again for your comment.  
Jennifer

**From:** Tami Murray <tamijmurray@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:11 AM  
**To:** CED AMCO REGS (CED sponsored) <amco.regs@alaska.gov>; Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC (CED sponsored) <alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov>; AMCO Event Permits (CED sponsored) <amco.permits@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposed new 3 AAC 304.390

Good morning,

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed new 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities"

My understanding is the new definition will include festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, (except for private parties limited to specific guests), presentations or performances, other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

As a fundraising professional and employee of a nonprofit as well as a nonprofit board member in a community that is supported by many of your proposed "recreational and gaming opportunities" this proposal will be devastating and is certainly an overreach. The Breweries and Distilleries are already over-regulated. They are **manufacturers** and they support our community like no other **retailer**.

They provide a safe, friendly environment that doesn't overserve and will always step up when asked.

I'm asking you to please reconsider the clarification, don't limit entrepreneurialism, consider supporting and encourage business development and in turn help an already struggling nonprofit sector.

Regards,

Tami Murray

Soldotna Resident

Development Director for the Kenai Watershed Forum

Board President for the Tustumena 200 Sled Dog Race

Volunteer for countless area nonprofits



**From:** [D.M](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Concerned citizen - Eagle River, AK  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:30:52 AM

---

To who it may concern,

This event amendment barring local business from further entertainment is a fine(sad) example of cronyism politics. I strongly recommend transparency and stop allowing the local bars and involved competitors to direct your policy. This is not representation of the citizens who you SERVE, but the companies which grease your pockets. To whoever put this order in, resign immediately. We do not need people like you looking out for Alaska and it's recreational drinkers.

Sincerely,  
Dustin Millar

**From:** [nathangoold@paramountsupply.com](mailto:nathangoold@paramountsupply.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Jay](#)  
**Subject:** NO TO AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:31:41 AM  
**Importance:** High

---

Good afternoon,

I am writing you as a very concerned Alaskan citizen. Please do not continue with this proposed legislation that was paused last year due to the huge out cry against it. Here we are again asking you please not to bow to big money and lobbyists trying to stop local thriving businesses who are truly Alaskans supporting Alaskans. The people who benefit from these organized gatherings are ALASKANS. We want don't need any more red tape over these breweries/distilleries who are already burdened with strict regulations! There is no true purposed logical explanation for taking away the peoples right to gather at a local business of there choosing. Please as before stop these poor proposals, hopefully out right this time. You would be creating a huge disservice to your local communities. THIS IS NOT WHAT ALASKANS WANT.

Respectfully,

Nathan Goold  
Registered Voter  
Born and Raised Alaskan  
Anchorage, AK 99518  
907-351-6745

**From:** [Joel Loosli](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New proposed regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:33:09 AM

---

Hello,

I am writing to you regarding the new proposed regulations trying to prohibit breweries, distilleries, cideries, etc. from hosting events. I am not an owner or affiliated with any of these businesses but rather a supportive citizen.

I believe this action would be detrimental to these small businesses and the communities that support them. I do not understand what would be accomplished with these new rules that would be of benefit to a majority of Alaskans. I strongly urge you to consider who would benefit from these new regulations and if it is in the best interest of most of us or just a few.

The state of Alaska needs to be more encouraging of small businesses and show their support rather than hamper them with unnecessary bureaucracy. Many of these events support local causes, artists and non-profits. If anything, we need more of them not less.

Alaska has far more issues associated with bars, such as homicides and assaults. If any businesses need to be more regulated it is those. I have yet to hear of any major incidents occurring inside or outside of a taproom.

Thanks for considering not only my words but those of all the other concerned Alaskans.

--

Joel Loosli  
907-744-0722

**From:** [Uncharted Alaska](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:35:36 AM

---

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office,

I am writing in opposed to the new State of Alaska ABC board changes as it pertains to activities conducted at Brewery's, Winery's, and Distillery's. (***AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes***) The board has elected changes that would restrict these businesses even further.

These businesses are marketing to social gathering, education and tourism of their products. Part of this is samples, selling small quantities, social events and classes. These changes would not allow them to do this. Here in Ketchikan where tourism is driving our economy, it would not allow classes and tours to be held at their locations. This would have a detrimental impact to these businesses, and tax base for the local area.

I understand the change is clarification on what the legislative intent was. This legislation is outdated and needs to reflex the change in marketing and economic growth for States economy. Anytime the state can help small business grow and succeed, help the local and state economy succeed.

Our own Governor has held a presentation at the 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Company. With the proposed change is could not be done again.

I encourage the board to help build Alaska's economy and small businesses throughout the state.

Thank you,

Mark Sivertsen

Lifelong resident of Alaska

**From:** [Amy O'Neill Houck | Edible Alaska](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Stutes, Louise B \(LEG\)](#); [Sen.gary.stevens@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.gary.stevens@akleg.gov)  
**Subject:** Proposed New Regulation  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:36:47 AM

---

Hello,

Alaska's craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries are important community members throughout the state. They employ people, they use local ingredients contributing to the states agricultural and food economy, and they create community by being engaging, supportive places to gather.

Many tasting rooms provide space to provide room for non-profits to host events, they make space for other small businesses, local artists, and more. I've seen over and over the ways that these small businesses support and raise up other small businesses because they are active, engaged community members. This community engagement makes them popular with the residents of their community, and it makes them more valuable as a local business in our state.

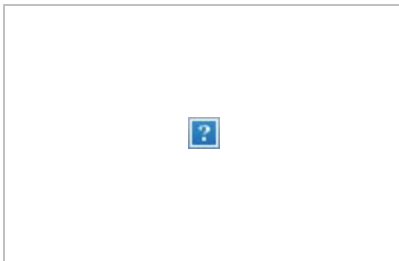
Please preserve the ability for craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries to be engaged community members. Do not modify the regulations to preclude this important community activity.

Thank you for the care you give to your fellow Alaskans.

Best wishes,

Amy

--



Amy O'Neill Houck  
Publisher, Edible Alaska  
907-988-8000 | [amy@edibleak.com](mailto:amy@edibleak.com)  
[ediblealaska.com](#)

[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

PO Box 140044, Anchorage AK, 99514

[Subscribe or extend your subscription now.](#)

*Member of Edible Communities, James Beard Foundation 2011 Publication of the Year*

**From:** [meagan nye](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillery, brewery, winery regulation interpretation  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:43:04 AM

---

I am a lifelong Alaskan, raised in Haines, living in Juneau, and I oppose the new interpretation of regulations for distilleries, breweries, and wineries. Please stop trying to harm Alaskan people, their businesses, their livelihoods, our communities, and capitalism.

Meagan Nye

**From:** [Matt Davidson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to changes to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:45:16 AM

---

I am strongly opposed to the proposed change to the definition of "recreation and gaming" related to producers. These new regulations are unenforceable, arbitrarily punish businesses for currently allowable activities, and expose these businesses to capricious penalties for activities that they don't entirely control.

These new businesses provide wonderful community orientated venues in many communities. The loss of these venues as a location for these events will be a financial hardship for the organizers of these events and a loss for the producers that host them.

Other locations have an equal opportunity to offer similar community services, but choose not to. The AMCO needs to support all businesses, including emerging producers who provide valuable community services. It is not the responsibility of AMCO to protect the existing businesses who fail to invest in community friendly spaces for these types of events. Other licenses are being out-competed for business, but not due to any unfair advantage due to lack of regulation on tasting rooms.

1. Why hasn't AMCO provided any explanation for the proposed changes?
2. Why hasn't AMCO conducted an honest analysis on the fiscal impact of the change on producers?
3. Why hasn't AMCO justified the need for the proposed changes?
4. Will a tasting room be penalized if an organization/person advertises a "meet up" in a tasting room? How can they be expected to police what the public chooses to do?

Matt Davidson  
521 W 9th St, Juneau AK 99801

**From:** [B.P](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:49:33 AM

---

Hello,

I wanted to comment on this proposal, taking advantage of the public comment period.

I think these changes described in the proposal would put a squeeze on breweries, and unnecessarily limit their functioning as community gathering spaces. They are providing sought after products and services, and their success is a testament to their current business models, functionality, and the regulatory environment in which they currently function.

This proposal unfairly targets them, and seems arbitrary. A vibrant community makes room for healthy businesses competition AND collaboration; no business or business type operates in a vacuum. I think it would be wise to let breweries continue to fill the space they are filling.

Thank you,  
-Brittany



**From:** [Laura Dewey](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:53:03 AM

---

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Laura Dewey <[lauraashtondewey@gmail.com](mailto:lauraashtondewey@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** August 29, 2019 at 11:34:12 AM AKDT  
**To:** [amco.reg@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.reg@alaska.gov)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390

Hi,

I'm outraged by the new proposal to further restrict local breweries. Our communities in Alaska are desperate for MORE community spaces that can be used by many people- not LESS, restricting breweries from acting as these spaces effects our communities in ONLY negative ways-there are no positives of this bill that I can see- other than the very obvious attempt by bars to make more money when people can't hang out at breweries. What exactly are these bars doing that is positive for our community? Nothing I can see, I see a lot of negatives though and a lot of alcohol problems related to bar culture. I'm a local artist and I rely on spaces like breweries to make a living. I have art shows at several different breweries every year. Bars don't offer the same kind of community space that a brewery does, and the bar owners here have made no attempt to improve our community that I have seen. In a addition to that, there are NO bars currently in Soldotna where I live that offer space for local artists to hang their work. Where should I hang my work if I can't hang it at a brewery? We don't have an art museum here on the peninsula and there are maybe two galleries in town. That limits me to only coffee shops. I guess I will just move to the lower 48 if the bill goes through because I won't be able to make a living here. I hope you don't side with greedy bars on this one and choose to screw over hard working positive people in our community and deprive of us a space for art and culture in the name of more profits for bar owners. Think about what this bill will actually do to our community, if it's all negative-why pass it?

Laura Dewey  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sally Paul](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed regulation changes  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:00:59 PM

---

Hello,

Please do not adopt the proposed changes to the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities. Breweries and tasting rooms are important gathering spaces for local communities, artists, and non-profits. Prohibiting "social gatherings" or presentations will be an unfair, heavy burden for local businesses and entrepreneurs and a disservice to communities.

Best,  
Sally Paul  
Juneau

**From:** [Colby Wright](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:03:27 PM

---

Greetings,

Once again I find myself having to defend the rights and privileges of Alaskans by petitioning against poor proposed legislation. The Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office needs to listen to the people when they say that they do not want even more regulations forced upon small businesses. It is a detriment to communities and helps no one involved. The proposed language is purposely vague and unnecessary, as well.

As a resident of Fairbanks, I have enjoyed the products produced by local brewers. There is a real sense of community that comes from places like HooDoo and Black Spruce. Many times, I have attended fundraising events that benefit local charities and food banks. Under this new language, these types of events would cease, which is a real shame. Why would someone propose to do away with events that bring the city together and benefit those in need?

These constant attacks on local businesses do nothing but cause turmoil where it doesn't belong. With our current economic issues, is it really smart to hit the local economy further? I propose that this language not be added to an already restrictive regulation.

Sincerely,

Colby Wright

--

T. Colby Wright  
M.S. Candidate  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Reichardt Building Room 305  
900 Yukon Drive  
PO Box 755780  
Fairbanks, AK 99775-5780  
Email: [tcwright2@alaska.edu](mailto:tcwright2@alaska.edu)  
Fax: (907) 474-5163

**From:** [Sarah Dykens](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing new regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:05:21 PM

---

Our local breweries and distillery have become a wonderful resource for community outreach and fundraising in Juneau. I personally have learned about and supported local fundraisers because of these establishments. To hinder them from hosting these events would be an absolute shame. I honestly believe Juneau is a better city because of our breweries and distilleries. They bring a community together where people can gather in a responsible setting to not only enjoy their fine crafted product but open up opportunities to raise awareness and fundraising for incredible organizations to help support our town.

My husband and I rarely visited downtown until these new breweries and distillery opened up. They are enjoyable places to visit. They are clean, safe, friendly, and owned by the finest folks. After our trips to a brewery or distillery we will then go out to eat at a local restaurant, often stopping in and making purchases at local shops and businesses. Something we never did before. These establishments bring new people in to downtown like myself and help support the local economy all around. Please stop restricting them every chance you have and help our community flourish. You are not only hurting them but so many groups, people, and local businesses that have benefited from their hard work, generosity, and passion for our city.

Sincerely

Sarah Dykens  
[sarahdykens@gmail.com](mailto:sarahdykens@gmail.com)

**From:** [Jessica Brasier](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:09:03 PM

---

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

Hello

This is the most ridiculous thing I have seen yet.

Are you trying to shut down small businesses in this town? Make it harder for them to make a living here?

Reduce the number of jobs in this town. Because that is what this will do.

This trickles way down and effects all sorts of businesses in Fairbanks. Please do not pass this it will hurt Fairbanks.

*Jessica*

*Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." ~ John 8:12*

**From:** [Dave Carrothers](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 is a new section proposed to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities."  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:09:35 PM

---

I am writing to let you know that I adamantly oppose the proposed changes. Once again someone is pitting the bar industry against the brewers and distillers. These two do not compete for the same patrons. Bars are open practicably all day and night while breweries and distilleries have limited hours and can only serve limited amounts of their products. This proposed action also seems to place a limit on where artists are allowed to perform or display their works, why? More art is good for the community and state. Please do not add this change.

**From:** [Shawna Rider](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:13:29 PM

---

To who it may concern,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed changes to the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. Our state is currently facing devastating repercussions from the budget crisis, and right now we need to rally around small business owners and build them up so that they can continue to build communities around the state.

As a business owner (retail, nothing to do with breweries or distilleries), I can attest personally to the fact that the economic recession which we have already been subjected to over the last three years has had a severe impact on downtown Anchorage, as well as around the state. We closed one of our two stores, and we have had to try harder and harder to make the same profits so that we can just keep our doors open for business. Now, in light of the current budget crisis, we are having to ask ourselves if we will be able to stay open at all. By limiting the activities that breweries and distilleries can participate in will not only hurt (and potentially close) those businesses, but they severely limit the activities that community members can participate in.

If you look at models of towns and cities around the countries that are growing and thriving, they are towns that lift their small businesses up and support them in every way. Younger generations need "experiences" in retail and in all aspects of their life. Older consumers need new reasons to get out and experience their community as well. These distilleries and breweries are supporting the wider community by holding fundraisers, hosting food trucks, and building neighborhoods. Their businesses will also be stronger for it, as people recognize and seek out their products because they like what they're doing for the community at large.

I hope that you will seriously consider the impact that this will have not only on the cities where the breweries and distilleries are, but also the impact that it will have on smaller communities, organizations and non-profits because of the loss of fundraising and activism if this goes into effect.

We not only want to be a place people want to live, we NEED to be a place people want to live. Alaskan residents are already moving out of state in large numbers, businesses are already suffering, and we cannot continue to punish residents and small business owners or we will have nothing left.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Shawna Rider  
Anchorage, AK

**From:** [Lauren Verrelli](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No changes please  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:24:24 PM

---

Good Afternoon AMCO,

I support businesses whose priority is our community. These businesses provide us with a space where we can gather with friends, family and coworkers, where artists can show us their work and organizations can host fundraisers for those in needs. Having businesses that give back to our community helps grow our economy. By not allowing these spaces to support local artists through First Fridays, Makers Markets, and pop ups or allowing them to be a space where our community can gather does not make sense, especially with the current state of our state. Don't make it harder for young entrepreneur make our communities a better place, you should be supporting their success.

Your proposal for new regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting any of these gatherings is a disgrace. **I oppose this change in interpretation to the current regulations.** Stop bringing down the success of local businesses and our economy.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Verrelli  
Juneau, AK



**From:** [jancaulfield](mailto:jancaulfield)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** OPPOSE change to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:30:00 PM

---

To: Alcohol Beverage Control Board

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390 to define “other recreational or gaming opportunities” in a manner that would prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting community gatherings, including receptions for non-profit organizations, fundraising for community needs, and places for community outreach. In Juneau, both the Amalga Distillery and Devil’s Club Brewery make their spaces available for the public to gather for these purposes, as well as for local artist displays, small business pop ups, etc. This makes downtown Juneau a more VIBRANT place, attracts people downtown (to the benefit of all businesses, including the traditional bars), and boosts our local economy.

There is nothing for the public to gain from restricting the craft breweries and distilleries in this manner. The traditional bars are not providing their spaces to be used in these ways — so they also have nothing to gain by closing down these types of community uses. People will not go to the bars instead, as they do not provide a similar public opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

Jan Caulfield  
Juneau, AK 99801  
cell phone: 907-209-8604  
[janc@gci.net](mailto:janc@gci.net)

**From:** [Deb Driscoll](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose the proposed regulation  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:38:07 PM

---

I am writing to voice my opposition to the new regulations proposed to prohibit craft brewers and distilleries from hosting events. I see no benefit to this regulation and only harm.

The community impact of inclusion, gathering, support, and sharing is not only beneficial to the health and well being of a community but also to the financial health.

I can't help but wonder if this regulation is a misguided effort to try and limit competition in the marketplace which strikes me as poor sportsmanship and cutting off your nose to spite your face.

When one business does better we all do better. We are a community and together we rise and fall. Harming one business (or multiple as the case may be) for no true benefit harms us all.

I respectfully request that this proposed regulation not be passed.

Thank you for your time.

Debbie F. Driscoll  
Juneau resident

**From:** [Alexandra Pierce](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Allow craft breweries and distilleries to continue hosting fundraisers  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:40:27 PM

---

Alaska's craft breweries, wineries and distilleries are local, small businesses that give back to their communities, support local artists, and are active in local initiatives. AMCO's proposed regulations are misplaced, heavy handed and unfair. Please continue to allow small business owners to continue to support their communities. As a city planner in Juneau, I am currently working on a downtown area plan. We have heard from the public and other local businesses that the addition of breweries and a distillery to downtown has helped to revitalize the neighborhood, encouraged reinvestment in neighboring buildings, and helped to create a sense of vibrancy during the off seasons. When small, locally-minded businesses flourish, the entire community benefits. When breweries and distilleries allow local artists to display their work for sale, they promote and support the creative economy. When they allow local nonprofits to hold fundraisers, they facilitate community involvement and support. Please don't needlessly punish local businesses with these unnecessary regulations. Communities will suffer as a result.

Thank you,  
Alexandra Pierce  
Juneau

**From:** [Jill Taylor](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed New Regulations for Distilleries, Wineries, and Craft Breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:43:03 PM

---

I'd like to voice my strong opposition to the proposed regulation changes for Distilleries, Wineries, and Craft Breweries. Our local "non-bars" provide a lot of community support and as a place to gather, taste the goods, and be a community. I urge you to allow these establishments to continue being a gathering place as well as allow for music. We are already restricted by the amount of alcohol we can purchase and drink on the premises, let's not restrict the fun or community support.

Jill Taylor  
115 Gastineau Ave, Juneau, AK 99801

**From:** [Electra Gardinier](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:47:26 PM

---

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to oppose new proposed regulations stating that breweries and distilleries may no longer host community and arts events. I live in Juneau - where these businesses are a huge asset to our community. As someone who does not even drink, I find it really pleasant and welcoming to be in these spaces vs. bars where I often feel uncomfortable. It makes absolutely no sense that I can go to a concert with a beer garden, or go to an art show with free wine or a concert in a bar— but there can't be an art show or community fundraiser or music show at one of these fine locally owned businesses. This is another example of bars and liquor stores lobbying for changes that only serve themselves, rather than serving our community. It seems incredible that the board would want to harm locals in this way, while continuing to cater to big business and the cruise ship industry.

Thank you,  
Electra Gardinier

**From:** [Julie](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery legislation  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:47:39 PM

---

The legislation in motion to limit breweries from hosting events, social or as fundraisers is only going to hurt our local communities. Breweries are already heavily regulated by not being able to serve food and close at 8, which I find completely crazy. Stop focusing on bullshit legislation and put our lawmakers to work doing the things that can be constructive and helpful to the economy or our state rather than going backwards and wasting time.

Julie Danielson

**From:** [Amy Ryder](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:51:04 PM

---

Good afternoon,

I do not want to see further restrictions placed on my local breweries and distilleries. Many of them hold gatherings for local nonprofits and they participate in other events such as our long standing "First Friday" downtown. I do not want to see our breweries and distilleries suffer. They provide great products and excellent service to their patrons and the community. I do not support the change you are attempting to make.

Thank you,  
Amy Ryder

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bryan Ryder](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:52:30 PM

---

Good afternoon,

I do not want to see further restrictions placed on my local breweries and distilleries. Many of them hold gatherings for local nonprofits and they participate in other events such as our long standing "First Friday" downtown. I do not want to see our breweries and distilleries suffer. They provide great products and excellent service to their patrons and the community. I do not support the change you are attempting to make.

Thank you,  
Bryan Ryder



**From:** [Kelly Barnaby](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition Letter  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:10:04 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

The recent proposal by AMCO to redefine and/or propose new and additional regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting gatherings such as fundraisers, art exhibits, makers markets, etc. is outrageous.

I **STRONGLY oppose** this action by AMCO. As a resident of Juneau and owner of Barnaby Brewing Company, I greatly appreciate what other manufacturers in Juneau and around the state have done for community members and for those from afar.

As a state on the brink of economic collapse, it seems like AMCO would SUPPORT the successful businesses that are our local breweries, distilleries and wineries as opposed to attacking them in a very transparent way. This is shameful behavior and I hope AMCO will change course.

Respectfully,

Kelly Barnaby

**From:** [Lutfi Lena](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I am opposed rewriting AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:10:07 PM

---

Hello AMCO regulators,

I am opposed of new regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting any gatherings.

The reasoning is due to the economic and community effect it will have. During a time when our economy is in enough stress, these social gatherings have brought us together. There are many companies that rely on the description of social gatherings as part of their business plan. Changing it will subject them to further risk of an already slowing economy and community optimism.

Fellow Alaskan regards,  
Lutfi Lena

**From:** [GCVA Gallery Director](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to 3 AAC 304.390 for breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:11:43 PM

---

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Girdwood Center for Visual Arts non-profit 501(c)(3) to voice our **opposition** to the regulation changes of 3 AAC 304.390 proposed to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" at breweries.

Our local brewery here, Girdwood Brewing Company, has become an invaluable supporter of our non-profits and community groups. They fill a niche of providing a space to gather at no cost, that no other business can or is willing to do. This space is critical to profitable fundraising for non-profit organizations. Rental fees are often so costly as to be prohibitive to any financial gains made from a fundraiser.

There is no justification that these events at breweries are in competition with bars and restaurants. The breweries host events at no cost to the beneficiary group and with no food or drink minimum purchases. Bars and restaurants do not offer event space at no charge or minimum purchase. Therefore how can these types of events be in competition with bars and restaurants when they are not offering or donating this community service?

In this time of dwindling state financial resources and large corporate donors leaving our state, it is more imperative than ever that our small businesses are given every opportunity to support each other and their community. Whether it is hosting individual artists, non-profit fundraisers or families in need, these breweries are stepping in to fill needs in their communities that would otherwise go unfilled.

The loss of the ability for Girdwood Brewing Co. to host our annual fundraiser would be a considerable financial hardship for our non-profit. Please reconsider the proposed changes and let the brewery good stewards of our community continue to benefit and support non-profits, community groups and those in need.

Sincerely,  
Holly Hobson  
Gallery Director  
Girdwood Center for Visual Arts  
(907) 748-1171

**From:** [McKenzie \(McGurk\) Solberg Top Shelf Realty](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AAC 304.390- Public Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:20:43 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I find it disheartening that a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries is even being considered by the board. There is a very strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces.

If bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business, perhaps instead of looking to lobbying the government to pick them up as economic winners and their competitors losers, they should try to make themselves more attractive places that people actually want to patronize.

New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is supposed to be all about. Government has no place in trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences offer a better model. It's no wonder so many long time Alaskans & local business owners are leaving the state in favor of more opportunities and better livelihood elsewhere.

Additionally, in other areas(i.e Denver) where there are less pointless regulations surrounding breweries/distilleries; the ONLY law they must follow is that they may not serve any other type of alcohol. That means those establishments can run just like a bar(open when they want, serve food, events, paint nights, etc.). Allowing a similar structure in Alaska would save our state money from fighting this sector. It would MAKE our state money since breweries pay \$1.07/gallon in excise tax and distilleries pay \$12.80/gallon in excise tax. Imagine how the state deficit could be helped by simply allowing local businesses to serve their communities more.

Get with the times and support local businesses that care more about our communities than those who create these overbearing rules and regulations. It's clear that the board is comprised of primarily bar owners etc. who feel threatened by the up and coming breweries/distilleries that the public prefers. Perhaps they should update their business models rather than trying to create legal red tape to obstruct their competition and community. You are only hindering Alaska's opportunities for growth.

Regards,

--



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**

GOVERNOR MICHAEL J. DUNLEAVY

Department of Commerce, Community,  
and Economic Development

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1535  
Anchorage, AK 99501-3587  
Main: 907.269.8100  
Toll free fax: 907.269.8125

## Memorandum

To: Erika McConnell, Director, AMCO

Date: August 28, 2019

From: Amy Demboski, Assistant Commissioner

Subject: Proposed Regulation 3 AAC 304.390;  
Definition of recreation and gaming opportunities

I received a copy of proposed regulation 3 AAC 304.390 defining recreation and gaming opportunities impacting breweries and distilleries after the ABC Board noticed it for public comment. The Department has serious concerns that this regulation is unduly restrictive, exceeds the Legislature's statutory intent, and detrimentally impacts Alaskan business.

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development has administrative responsibility for the oversight of the Alcohol, Marijuana, Control Office (AMCO). Our office previously requested that all new draft regulations be reviewed by the Commissioner's office prior to finalizing for public comment. Additionally, as the project manager for the Governor's regulation review project, all regulations generated by AMCO should be directed to me for review prior to publication or public circulation, and presented to the Regulatory Review Team for analysis and discussion; especially those that are controversial and require a policy decision.

This Administration's position on regulations is to reduce the regulatory burden on Alaskans and Alaskan businesses while protecting the public. Proposed regulation 3 AAC 304.390 is the antithesis of reasonable regulatory reform.

Please work with the Alcohol Control Board to rescind the proposed regulation referenced above.

**From:** [Jenny Twito](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** small craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:44:28 PM

---

I whole heartedly oppose and changes to regulations that would prohibit local breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting community gatherings to support local businesses and artists. Juneau community is full of artist and entrepreneurs who benefit from community gatherings and these spaces provide a place for community outreach. I feel that our small craft brewers, distillers and wineries care and support community! NO CHANGES TO CURRENT REGS!

Jennifer Twito  
8613 Hayes way  
Juneau, AK 99801

**From:** [Steven Paine](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed ACC 304.990 Regulations Opposition  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:45:38 PM

---

Good Afternoon,

I want to let you know I'm highly opposed to proposed ACC 304.990.

I'm a productive member of the Palmer community who sees no reason for further restrictions on local breweries.

Their events (such as fun runs) are good for the community in my experience.

And they are not having an ill effect on bar business since the breweries close at 8pm.

Best Regards,

Steve

**Steven Paine**  
Safety and Emergency Preparedness Manager  
USAF, Retired  
907-350-8489

**From:** [Tim Wheelock](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulations Concerning Alcohol manufacturers  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:46:08 PM

---

I wish to communicate my displeasure if efforts being spent to pinion our growing Alcohol Manufacturing. Other places around the country and the world relax these types of regulations to economic benefit for all. Under what consideration would it even be responsible to truncate a growing business in a state already struggling financially.

Additionally the vertical distribution structure does not benefit the consumer but rather larger corporations. We need to have regulations that make sense for our population...not for big businesses (Wholesalers, Distributor, Etc)

Sincerely,

Tim Wheelock

3203 Wesleyan Dr

Anchorage, AK, 99508



**From:** [Griff Griffith](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:50:06 PM

---

## Constitution of United States of America 1789 (rev. 1992)

### Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

What part of that is difficult to understand? If you want to change a standing regulation due to a "vaguery " put it to a general vote with the citizenry. Or leave it alone. Ask those you serve for their input before making changes.

Michael A Griffith

**From:** [Shannon Fisher](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:51:32 PM

---

Hello,

My name is Shannon Fisher and I live at 907 3rd #4 Douglas, Alaska 99824.

Please do not further restrict breweries and distilleries. They are a great part of our communities. Those who wish to have the regulations "clarified" are disingenuous. They want breweries and distilleries further restricted. These businesses are not bars. Why would it be at all relevant if a B or D can hold an art exhibit or a presentation? Are these events not positive for our communities? They in no way impede bars from their business.

Thank you,

Shannon

**Shannon Hope Fisher**

Coaching & Mentoring | Relationship Building | Leadership | Program Creation & Design

Cell: 785-550-6487

[www.linkedin.com/in/shannonhopefisher](http://www.linkedin.com/in/shannonhopefisher)

**From:** [James Colles](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against Further Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:52:07 PM

---

Dear Board Members,

I find it saddening that a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries is even being considered by the board. There is a very strong market demand to congregate and socialize at these spaces.

If the bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business, perhaps instead of looking to lobbying the government to pick them as economic winners and their competitors as losers, they should instead try to make themselves more attractive places that people actually want to patronize. Also, not every citizen likes the atmosphere of a bar for grabbing a beer.

New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is supposed to be all about. Government should not be trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences, offer a better model

I would also like to note the blossoming beer tourism industry that all these lovely local breweries and distilleries are generating. Tour companies are starting to develop and cater to the tourists who like to experience and taste local brews during their travels. This new industry further expands Alaska's ability to make money from tourism and that is not something the board should be hindering.

Cheers,

James C.

**From:** [Ezra Stephens](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** You should be ashamed of yourselves!!!!  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:59:30 PM

---

Are you serious?!

Leave all the Alaskan grow business's alone! These breweries and distillery are fantastic tax revenues for each of their cities and wonderful community building places.

You have more important things to be doing with your time than trying to destroy Alaskan small business's!!!

Just shameful!!!!

**From:** [Chris Demain](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation should protect the public, not incumbent businesses  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:01:55 PM

---

All,

The proposed regulation changes prohibiting breweries and tasting rooms from hosting events has no public interest whatsoever. The only interests served are those of the retailers and bar/restaurant owners who are \*clearly\* engaged in regulatory capture.

The root problem is obviously the prohibition-era three-tier liquor distribution model. The clear path to reducing costs for those retailers is to work to remove those legacies of the busybody Temperance Movement. It is obvious that consumers \*want\* to be a part of the community of excellent local brewers in Alaska, and if this move threatens restaurateurs, then they should compete through innovation, not legislation.

I urge you not to adopt any further restrictive and capricious regulations on breweries and taprooms, and instead look for ways to \*remove\* the barriers that are being intentionally placed as obstacles between customers and the products and services they very clearly want.

--

Chris Demain <[cdemain@gmail.com](mailto:cdemain@gmail.com)>

**From:** [Beverly Hollenbeck](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:16:53 PM

---

This proposed change is an absurd over-reach that will harm local businesses. Not allowing craft breweries, among others, to hold parties, raffles, private functions, classes, etc. is simply ridiculous. I'm a 30-year resident of AK, and spent more than a little time in local bars during my younger years. My health now prohibits any consumption of alcohol, yet I've enjoyed attending meetings and classes in brewpubs. I never enjoyed the smoky, often-reeking, premises of bars, so enjoy the much nicer facilities now available. I'm not the only one. Why are these local merchants being targeted?

Beverly Hollenbeck

--

"Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air..." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

**From:** [margaretwallaceak@gmail.com](mailto:margaretwallaceak@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding 3AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:24:30 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I find it pathetic that a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries is even being considered by the board. There is a very strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces.

If the bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business, perhaps instead of looking to lobbying the government to pick them as economic winners and their competitors as losers, they should instead try to make themselves more attractive places that people actually want to patronize.

New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is supposed to be all about. Government should not be trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences, offer a better model

Regards,

Margaret Wallace

**From:** [Tobie Weston](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Unreasonable legislature  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:36:26 PM

---

To put these regulations on breweries is simply unreasonable. No rational thought was put into this notion. Myself and others are getting sick and tired of thoughtless legislature. This must end. Bars and breweries are VERY DIFFERENT. I don't go to a brewery when I want to go to a bar. I don't go to a bar when I want to go to a brewery. Breweries and bars should coexist, and they do coexist everywhere else besides Alaska. They benefit each other. This is ridiculous to try and minimize what a private business can do.

Concerned Alaskan.



**From:** [Howard Mationg](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support local businesses, support local breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:39:46 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

I had read there may be changes to the local breweries in Juneau, Alaska. Instead of placing new restrictions please encourage and support these businesses.

Breweries are a meeting place, it builds community and partners with other local businesses.

I'm in Southern California and the breweries here are thriving. It has created a new buzz to visit other towns and experience and support their local breweries and businesses.

Please engage them and support them.

Brew On!

Howard Mationg

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [DeeAnn Fuller](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Statute 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:44:03 PM

---

Dear Director McConnell and the rest of the Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office Board,

I am writing regarding the proposed regulation changes to statute 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code. I am an Alaska Native woman, a small business owner, and a born and raised Alaskan, and I am deeply opposed to the proposed changes in regulation.

My husband and I recently opened a small business, AK Brews Cruise. We love beer, and have been thrilled at the recent success of two new breweries in Juneau, so much that we were able to make a long-held dream come true with our new business. AK Brews Cruise operates tours that bring visitors to our local breweries, offering them a chance to see our small Alaskan community in a different way, as well as supporting local businesses and enjoying delicious beverages along the way. Our customers are safely transported from one establishment to the next by one of our drivers, ensuring that those tourists who may want to get off the beaten path and enjoy an adult beverage are able to do so without needing to risk their lives or the lives of others by getting behind the wheel of a rental car after drinking. This was our first summer in business and we have completed 20+ tours so far, bringing in business to our local economy as well as enjoying the company of people from all around the world.

Our business model was based around the current brewery model of business. We run tours that visit three local breweries – it's a brews cruise! But, the proposed change in regulations would end breweries' ability to host tours completely. These ridiculous proposed regulations would shutter our brand-new business and all of the investment we put into it would disappear along with it, as well as any future profits. In 2019, our first year of operation, we invested roughly \$40,000 into our business, planning for many more years of tours to come. If you pass the regulation changes, all of that investment will be worthless.

I have heard a lot of talk recently about Alaska being "open for business". If you choose to pass the proposed regulation changes the way they are currently phrased, Alaska will not be open for *my* business. In fact, we will be forced to close. Alaska's administration, at all levels, should be supporting Alaskan businesses and creating conditions under which businesses can thrive. This is especially true during the current uncertain economic climate. Unfortunately, the message these proposed regulations sends is the exact opposite. Rather than welcoming and encouraging Alaskans to be creative and innovative in starting new businesses and fostering a thriving economy, you are creating an environment which is inhospitable to start ups, growth, and investment in our beloved state.

I do not believe these regulations are in the best interests of small business owners like myself or for the state of Alaska as a whole. By stopping breweries and distilleries from hosting “presentations or performances” and “other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public”, you will be stopping businesses owned by young Alaskans like myself from growing and succeeding. I am vehemently in opposition to the newly proposed regulations and urge you to reject them.

Thank you,

DeeAnn Fuller

**From:** [Laura Steele](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:51:49 PM

---

Good afternoon,

I am writing in opposition to the adoption of regulation changes to 3 AAC 304 currently proposed.

I support our local breweries and distilleries, especially as gathering spaces for our community. Over the past few years, I have been proud to attend political fundraisers, gallery openings, artists' markets, medical fundraisers, informational meetings, and private functions at all of Juneau's local breweries and distilleries: Alaskan Brewing Co., Amalga Distillery, Barnaby Brewing, and Devil's Club Brewing. By attempting to limit these establishments' ability to host such events, you are attempting to limit our community's ability to flourish.

And, you are also attempting to limit their free speech. The First Amendment reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances". Keeping breweries and distilleries from hosting "presentations or performances" and "other types of organized social gatherings" as this regulation proposes would directly limit their ability to host community events and gatherings. Also known as assemblies.

My final concern here is this: during these troubling and uncertain economic times, shouldn't you, as a regulating board of the state of Alaska, be doing everything possible to encourage businesses to grow and thrive? This proposed regulation does exactly the opposite. Is Alaska really "open for business" for *Alaskans* if this change to 3 AAC 304 is allowed to pass? I don't think so. Please work to inspire creative and innovative businesses started by young Alaskans to succeed, rather than doing everything you can to quash their growth and progress.

I urge you to join me in opposing the proposed changes to Statute 3 AAC 304. Please support, not suppress, Alaska's small businesses.

Thank you,

Laura Steele

6260 North Douglas Highway  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

**From:** [hailey pusich](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to regulation changes  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:53:59 PM

---

Hello,

As a person who was born and raised in Juneau, AK I am outraged by these new regulations proposed. Juneau is built on COMMUNITY. These new rules only take away from that community and leaves less healthy, fun, upstanding places for community gatherings. I highly oppose this new regulation and you should be ashamed of what you're doing to a small town community if it comes into affect. Please take our considerations seriously.

Thank you,  
Hailey Pusich

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Cindy Stadt](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery changes  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:56:31 PM

---

I strongly oppose the changes you are proposing of NO PRESENTATIONS and other social gatherings in breweries in Alaska.

These events give back to the community we live in and make our State a better place.

Cindy Stadt

**From:** [Henry Melville](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to brewery rules  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:00:39 PM

---

I am writing to express my disagreement with the proposed changes in AAC 304.390 to remove the ability of breweries to host public gatherings. This unnecessarily hamstring the ability of Alaskan breweries to build community and succeed economically. This is all in our state which is currently facing a severe budget issue. Putting more challenges in the way of their success at this time is ridiculous and draconian, and undermines the support that we should all be offering one another at this time - and at all times.

Thank you,

Henry Melville  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [Brian Laurencelle](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [constantc@muni.org](mailto:constantc@muni.org)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.380  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:08:30 PM

---

Greetings.

I write you today to express my dissatisfaction with the current legislation, as well as the new definition proposed to regulate breweries and distilleries.

People that attend these establishments are hard working Alaskans, looking for a social and friendly environment for responsible enjoyment. The fact is that having “the brewery does not allow live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities on the premises where the consumption occurs” is a ridiculous clause made to deter competition with the bar industry. Why would we fault a brewery for providing a service to their clients that doesn’t neglect public safety?

Breweries bring value to our communities. The industry is booming because people are looking for an alternative to outdated drinking establishments. Bar establishments should be raising the bar, rather than trying to diminish competition by creating rules that are fit for the prohibition era.

AS 04.11.130 & AS 04.11.170 are not fit for the current society in Alaska and need to be rewritten to accommodate the current social environment that Alaskans have made clear that we want to see. 3 AAC 304.380 needs not to be passed.

Regards,

-Brian Laurencelle



**From:** [Sydney Talbott](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:13:23 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sydney Talbott and I am a resident at 401 8th St in Juneau, Alaska. I work downtown at Bauer/Clifton Interiors and have been a resident of Juneau for the past 5 years. I am proud to live in Alaska and I love the community of people and businesses that make Juneau the amazing city that it is.

I am reaching out to you today to voice my opposition to the proposed changes of definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities, as I find that this new proposal compromises the integrity of promoting small business in Alaska.

This has gone too far. Further hindering the opportunity for success and stability of small/craft/local breweries, distilleries and wineries is the WRONG direction for Alaska. The original mandate of prohibiting recreational and gaming at these establishments is counter-intuitive to helping strengthening a local business within our economy, and this new proposal is truly excessive. It makes one wonder what the true motives are for implementing these restrictive policies is. We are not strangers to the understanding that certain bar owners with deep pockets are threatened by these honest institutions.

In the best interest of the economy of Alaska, AMCO should be writing statutes that support and lift up small local businesses. If there are restrictive prohibitions on a certain industry, why would someone want to participate in Alaska economy? Especially after seeing young entrepreneurs make business plans that can be undermined so quickly by operating boards such as AMCO. I want to live in a state that provides equal opportunity to run a business under reasonably enacted regulating laws. I find this proposition does not promote success in the beer, spirits and wine craft industry.

In the best interest of the community, AMCO should allow these businesses to continue their philanthropic and charitable events that are held often in these businesses. From supporting and promoting local First Friday artists to display and showcase their trade, to providing a safe and fun (Oh, that's right. AMCO has restricted people from having "fun" here. Bold.) space for community members to come together as family and friends to support other local community members. Devil's Club serves pizza on Wednesday nights and have accumulated quite the following. Understanding they have reach with their pizza night, they have opened their doors to nonprofits such as Trail Mix and KTOO to raise funds for their organizations that strengthen and promote the betterment of Juneau. Please take the most recent Steven Mulvey Fundraiser as another example--Amalga's fundraiser for a local school teacher who was diagnosed with a diffuse astrocytoma in his cervical spinal cord. This event brought hundreds of people out to show their support for a fellow community member and help him outfit his house with the appropriate equipment to help improve his quality of life. This is the Juneau community that I know and love. This is a community that I want to be apart of. These are the types of businesses that I want to see prosper. Businesses like Amalga and Devil's Club are comprised of fellow community members who provide a forum and tradition of promoting community. The list of examples goes on. What has your local bar done for the community recently? Please, do not restrict a business from continuing to hold events like these. It is

simply regressive and needlessly obstructive.

Thank you for taking the time to read the concern of a Juneau community member and Alaska resident. I do hope that the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office makes the right decision in allowing these businesses to continue doing their best to succeed and promote the good of the community. I request you take my first hand witness of the good these businesses do in our state into consideration before adopting the amended definitions. Please do not approve this action.

Thank you for your time,

Sydney Talbott

**From:** [Kasia Spengler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:13:32 PM

---

Please stand against the proposed regulation that would prohibit hosting fundraising events at breweries. This will diminish community involvement and engagement and will serve no good to anyone but bar owners hoping for even higher profits. It will hurt Juneauites.

Thank you,  
Kasia Spengler

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Steven Garger](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Brewery Restrictions  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:18:31 PM

---

To whom it may concern:

Having recently moved to downtown Juneau, I'm very disappointed to hear about the new restrictions that may be placed on craft breweries and distilleries. While I may have not lived here long, I can personally attest to the fact that when deciding on a place to live in Alaska I was delighted to hear Juneau had a number of successful breweries and new distillery in town. These places of gathering are only similar to bars in the respect that they serve alcoholic beverages. Their atmosphere, influence, and effect they have on the communities they open their doors to are completely different. Craft breweries and distilleries embody the Alaskan way of life. They are focused on breaking away from the beaten path and providing a singular experience you cannot find anywhere else. The fact the state wants to continue to restrict these emerging businesses in the benefit of bars and bar owners is truly sad. People come to visit and live in Alaska to experience a different way of life, and all there restrictions will do is harm that. I STRONGLY disagree with these proposed changes.

Respectfully,

Steven Garger

[517 6th Street](#)

Juneau AK, 99801

**From:** [Britt Tonnessen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** In opposition to new proposal 3AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:24:14 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing you today to express my concern and total opposition to the direct attacks on our state's manufacturers, in this instance specifically outlined in 3AAC 304.390.

These attacks on our local community-based entrepreneurs need to stop. The indirect consequence of this proposition will hurt the opportunities for local entrepreneurs, artists, non-profits, tourism groups, vendors, and community-based fundraisers. Here in Juneau, the spaces of manufacturers have created more safe and engaging community-based events than any of the bars probably over their existence. The bar (pun intended) has been raised to do better and use a different model.

My concern is the State playing in to the politics and divisive nature of the current conflict versus listening to what the communities desire. If this proposition goes through it will be because of business owner's interests and not due to a reflection of community interest.

I urge you to oppose this proposition. Our manufacturers not only create a product, they are creating community. They are place-based and community centered. To destroy and divide them will not bring more business to the bars.

Attentively,

--

**Britta Elizabeth Tonnessen**

M.A. International Policy Studies -- *Human Security and Development*  
Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

*What did the tree learn from the earth to be able to talk with the sky?*

--Pablo Neruda

**From:** [Todd Mace](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed definition changes to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:27:34 PM

---

Hello ~

I'm writing to voice my opposition of the proposed definition changes. I feel that this is another attempt at stifling new and successful businesses in our cities (big and small) across the entire state of Alaska.

Breweries and distilleries already adhere to strict guidelines that differentiate them from a bar/tavern.

Not only do they provide (much needed) employment opportunities, but in many instances they open their spaces for community outreach opportunities, fundraisers for non-profits and places for Alaskan artists to showcase their work.

It would be an extreme disservice to Alaska if they were to cease these types of activities.

Thanks for your time,

**Todd Mace**  
**Pixel & Plume Design Co.**  
[www.pixelandplume.com](http://www.pixelandplume.com)  
907-957-1647

**From:** [Matthew Catterson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:34:18 PM

---

This proposed change will negatively and unfairly impact distilleries and breweries in Alaska. I regularly visit several breweries and distilleries in Southeast Alaska, specifically those in Juneau, Haines, and Sitka. I also visit bars in these towns. I am a resident of Juneau.

Distilleries and breweries are filling an economic niche in our communities by providing a venue for socializing, meeting, fundraising, and supporting other local businesses, that is different from a traditional bar. By placing additional restrictions on distilleries and breweries, who have made significant capital investments in their businesses and the community, you are stifling extremely important economic development opportunities in Southeast Alaska.

I understand that regulation is necessary, but the State of Alaska should be doing everything possible to support new businesses not hinder them. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board should work with these distilleries and breweries to help them develop their businesses and grow in a way that is fair for everyone and continues to support economic development in our communities. We all share a common goal of a prosperous state composed of many healthy, diverse, and vibrant small communities, please do your work in a way that continues to move us towards that goal.

Thank you, Matt Catterson, Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [Jan C Hood](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Bill is insane govt over reach  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:42:53 PM

---

Proposed rules to further limit activities allowed in breweries is beyond insane. Representing government over reach with no rationale for this. Please stop this nonsense. There are critical issues to take care of - this is over reach and will further hurt economic opportunities as well as those in communities where breweries are a key gathering spot. They serve root beer, kambucha and food. This is so crazy. Please get back on track!!!

Jan Hood  
Jchood@gci.net



**From:** [Ariel](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Changes of definitions of gaming opportunities  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:58:47 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

As an Alaskan citizen and Juneau resident, I am opposed to the proposed regulations. It feels like nothing more than an attack on small businesses that have created a new space for community events. Our breweries and distilleries have provided a new outlet to celebrate the arts and culture unique to this state. The proposed regulations have no moral ground — these are not problem spaces, they aren't catering to alcoholics, and are not in direct competition with bars. I hope you consider the positive impact these local businesses have had on the neighborhoods and communities they are a part when you consider introducing unnecessary and unfair government oversight into their taprooms.

Sincerely,  
Ariel Svetlik

**From:** [Roberta Eastwood](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing language change of 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:05:16 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose the language change to the 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in regards to distilleries and breweries.

This would limit social events and presentations at said locations that greatly contribute to the arts and culture of the cities they inhabit. Distilleries and Breweries are much more family friendly and an overall better atmosphere than bars, and as such fill a niche for casual cultural events that bars never will.

Art shows would never be held in bars. Fundraisers for non-profits are not held in bars. You don't get opportunities to see and learn how an alcohol is made step by step in a bar. They are entirely different types of businesses, and restrictions of this proposed language change unfairly restrict breweries and distilleries ability to appeal to customers.

In light of Alaska's current economic situation, placing further restrictions on local businesses which add to the appeal of living in Alaska is an extraordinarily poor decision. Places for community events should be encouraged, not regulated out of business in a blatant attempt to keep all money made from alcoholic products in the state lining the pockets of bar owners.

In short, I strongly oppose changing the language of 3 AAC 304 as I feel it would actively damage arts and culture communities in Alaska by driving breweries and distilleries out of business.

-Roberta Eastwood

--

*Roberta Eastwood*  
(907) 723-0279

**From:** [Natalie Treadwell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing 3 AAC 304.309 commerce, community ec  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:08:45 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the change in interpretation to measure 3 AAC 304.309 that would prohibit local distilleries, wineries, and craft breweries from hosting public events, festivals, games, parties, etc.

I believe that these business should not be limited in their ability to hold community events.

Please do not pass this new interpretation.

With appreciation,

Natalie Treadwell

**From:** [jeff.cooper](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Jeff Cooper](#); [Lisa Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:19:17 PM

---

I am writing you today as a concerned citizen of the Fairbanks community for the past 27 years.

I learned today that once again, the legislature is trying to (somewhat underhandedly) restrict our local tasting rooms, distilleries, and breweries in regard to definitions of “other recreational or gaming opportunities.”

First and foremost I find it shameful the way you are trying to pass this legislation given the strong opposition to it the first time you attempted something similar. Yes, the wording is different this time around, but the end result hoped for by you would be the same...further restrictions on a growing industry which is loved and appreciated by much of the public.

Why do you not listen to your constituents on matters such as this?

Think about this: How many out of state visitors come to Alaska to check out our local bars? I would venture to say VERY FEW!

Compare that number to how many visitors truly enjoy their experience while visiting one of our local tasting rooms.

I am not sure what your agenda might be behind this legislation, but I am VERY suspicious that it is something that would benefit a very few individuals at the expense of many of the same people who put you in office.

I would very much appreciate a reply to this email explaining your objectives.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Cooper

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

**From:** [Rebecca Hsieh](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to new proposed regulations of breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:19:56 PM

---

Hello,

I am writing in opposition of the proposed regulations to prohibit gatherings. The breweries and distilleries here in Juneau are community staples by creating a welcoming space for creativity to flourish. As someone who has shown art work in a brewery, it has meant a lot to have the support of local businesses. Additionally, fundraisers through these spaces have also greatly benefited various members of our community as well as protection of our natural environment both the city and the trails we hike on. To restrict these spaces would diminish our vibrant community and would be a regression of progress and growth.

Thank you for your time,  
Rebecca Hsieh

**From:** [Tamsen Peeples](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restrictions on local breweries, distilleries, and wineries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:24:20 PM

---

I am writing to voice my concern on the proposed regulations on what events local breweries, distilleries and wineries are able to host.

As a lifelong Alaskan and as a young professional in Juneau it is crucial to have as many accessible spaces for community events as possible. Amalga Distillery and Devils Club Brewery have provided spaces for local artists to show their goods, small businesses to promote their operations, and even meeting spaces for nonprofits. Restricting their ability to host such events will be extremely detrimental to the community.

Do not allow these spaces to be removed.

Thank you  
Tamsen

**From:** [smokey3@gci.net](mailto:smokey3@gci.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulations regarding breweries and distillers  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:40:30 PM

---

Dear AMCO Board,

I'm writing in regard to your most recent attempt to further restrict breweries and distillers in what they can do in their tasting rooms. It amazes me that you would propose something that appears, at least on the surface, a scheme by the Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailers Association to remove any possible competition from brewers and distillers. The new, ambiguous proposals, do nothing to promote public health and safety, and indeed would leave the public no choice but to patronize businesses that they have no desire to patronize. It will, however, provide hurdles that are unnecessary for those recently established businesses that you are trying to restrict and appear to provide anything positive only for the ACHR&R. I would like to think the board is above that, but the lame excuse Director McConnell that was quoted in the Fairbanks Dail News-Miner, " The changes have been proposed in order to better reflect the legislative intent that these licenses are manufacturers, not retailers" don't pass the smell test. One would think if the legislature was dissatisfied with the way the brewers and distillers are operating they would change the legislation instead of allowing a state department to change the rules willy nilly on a whim, or possibly because of outside influence.

I urge you to end this illogical effort at it does nothing to improve health or safety in regards to breweries or distillers. Instead, allow the market place to deal openly and honestly with any valid concerns that may arise.

Sincerely,

Steve Adams  
PO Box 81814  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

**From:** [Elke Saunders](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** oppose increased brewery regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:40:48 PM

---

I am writing because I strongly oppose increasing regulations for breweries and cideries in the State. I am from Kodiak where there is very little venue for social events and fundraisers. The brewery is very supportive of our local community and it is one of the few places you can go and have a beer and meet friends where there isn't smoking or drunkenness. My house is right above downtown and almost every weekend there are fights outside of the bars. Several times a year people end up needing to be flown to Anchorage in intensive care from bar fights costing the state millions of dollars.

The brewery is one of the few safe places to socialize. I have never seen the police at the brewery and I have never seen a fight there. Please don't regulate out of existence one of the few healthy hangouts for us in Kodiak! Further limiting the accessibility to our beloved brewery would be a great loss to our community.

--

Elke Saunders, CPM, CDM

Find me at:

Instagram [@birth.goals](#)

Facebook [@birthgoals](#)

[www.birthinggoals.com](http://www.birthinggoals.com)

cell: 907-244-9295



**From:** [Alea Robinson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 Definitions  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:41:59 PM

---

To Whom it May Concern,

The recent proposal to restrict local, Alaskan manufacturers (brewery, winery/cidery, distillery) from hosting events on their premises directly violates the first amendment of the US Constitution. It also goes against the Alaskan way of life, supporting one another and sharing Alaska's bountiful resources.

These local businesses are already hindered by unfair restrictions and this would be another unethical blow to local business that make MANY beneficial contributions to our local communities. Not only would it harm these businesses, it would also harm other essential entities that have positive impacts on Alaskan communities.

Please reconsider this proposal in the best interest of supporting Alaskan people and Alaskan communities!

Sincerely,

Alea Robinson

Life-long Alaskan Resident

**From:** [Summer Smith](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** NEW REGULATIONS, NO THANKS!  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:44:03 PM

---

Hello,

I'm a community member of Juneau and I have been my entire life! In my opinion rethinking the act of banning art, music, shows and other events in brewery/distillery's is NOT the best option for Juneau. During the Summer Juneau is full of life with the tourist season, but can us locals say the same for winter? Events at different locations around town bring joy to our community members. Why take it away? Winter time is full of darkness, why not bring the community together in as many places as we can? Thank you for hearing my response to the act you are trying to propose, and also please think twice!

Fellow community member of Juneau,

Summer Smith  
[summersmith.ak8@gmail.com](mailto:summersmith.ak8@gmail.com)

**From:** [Chris Rude](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Other Recreational or Gaming Opportunities  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:49:20 PM

---

To Whom it May Concern,

Breweries, distilleries, cideries and the like are not what is causing harm to our community. They provide a location to bring the community together. We need to continue to allow these businesses the opportunities to host events for the public and local businesses trying to get their start.

I appreciate your time, and hope you further discuss this topic before voting and making it law..

Thank you,

**Chris Rude**

*Mechanical Designer* | **RSA Engineering, Inc.**

670 W. Fireweed Ln, Suite 200 | Anchorage, Alaska 99503

T: 907.276.0521 | D: 907.865.0582 | [crude@rsa-ak.com](mailto:crude@rsa-ak.com)

**From:** [Courtney Preziosi](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed regs  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:57:34 PM

---

I oppose the proposed regulations set forth in 3 AAC 304.390. May I suggest your time and efforts be redirected to implementing regulations that don't inhibit community support.

<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=195261>

“

**Never, ever underestimate the importance of  
having fun.**

*Randy Pausch*

**From:** [J D Gibeault](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not Persien this legislation  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:58:30 PM

---

Bars are no different from breweries or distilleries. Please stop this legislation to restrict what kinds of activities that can be had at these places. It is unfair to single out these venues specifically. A brewery should be allowed to operate in the same fashion as a bar.

Justin Gibeault  
7754 Delridge Circle  
Anchorage AK 99507

Justin Gibeault

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

**From:** [Jolynne Howard](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery event regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:01:36 PM

---

Hello,

I volunteer with and support non-profit organizations that benefit from holding events at breweries. Please allow this practice to continue.

Jolynne

Jolynne Howard  
3239 Westmar Cir  
Anchorage AK 99508  
907-227-0291

**From:** [Luke Ponchione](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery, Distillery and Winery Entertainment Changes  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:27:21 PM

---

I really thought that this would get better before it got worse. The limitations on both hours and "entertainment" have already been negatively impacting the potential for these local business to succeed. I thought the draconian rules already in place were appallingly transparent efforts by legislators who hold liquor licenses to stifle competition to encourage patrons to spend more money at bars. I would really like a response to this email explaining what the rationale behind these rules is in the first place, keeping in mind that any talk about the alcohol abuse problem in Alaska is moot, if these sorts of rules don't apply to the bars that readily overserve customers without oversight. Why limit entertainment at local businesses? This is an opportunity expand the culture of our town, which I thought local government would encourage.

Instead we get this garbage. You are making it so that, "classes" and "presentations" would no longer be allowed in these spaces. Those are both explicitly about education and do no harm to the public. What is going on here? I am outraged and confused by the direction this is headed. Please do not enact further draconian measures to stifle local business and culture. The public is against it because it makes no sense at all. Do not do this.

Luke Ponchione  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**From:** [Kelly O'Neill](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Local breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:30:20 PM

---

I am submitting this email in support of local breweries and distilleries, their business, the Alaskans they employ(!), and the products and services they provide!

I am opposed to the regulation package that would limit there business and the activities at their business. I am a small Alaska business owner who supports local breweries and distilleries!!

Kelly O'Neill  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [George Woods](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:30:44 PM

---

Erika McConnell

Please put me down as opposed to the regulation proposed limiting activities at the state microbreweries. As a resident of Anchorage for some twenty years I have been pleased with the recent growth of local microbreweries for both the quality of their beers and as a congenial gathering place. To legislate having fun would be a mistake.

Sincerely,  
GeorgeMWoods

**From:** [Angela Noon](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes in regulations of the ABCB  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:44:49 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposed changes on definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

First of all, our community needs to support its new businesses. There is room for ALL businesses to succeed in our town, and instead of trying compete for clientele, these businesses should be working together to see how they can support each other.

Wineries, breweries, and distilleries are limited in their hours and in the amount of alcohol that they may serve to their patrons. That does NOT mean that their spaces should not be used to showcase their product in a variety of ways that benefit and support the community. Hosting fundraisers, benefits, classes, and makers markets that help local people are all ways that these businesses are supporting the community at large in healthy and community-building ways. During these events, they can showcase their locally made product in a family-friendly atmosphere that does not encourage overindulgence. It would behoove other establishments that sell alcohol to behave in similar ways instead of over serving, over-charging, and causing roadblocks to business development in our town where many storefronts are already empty.

In communities around our country, breweries, wineries, and distilleries are used for weddings, celebrations, community fundraisers. Why should Juneau be any different?

Thank you for reading and considering my comments on this issue.

Sincerely,

Angela Noon  
Juneau Resident

**From:** [Gary Patton](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 - NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:53:59 PM  
**Attachments:** [glpatton.vcf](#)

---

To ABCB.

RE: 3 AAC 304.390 is a new section proposed to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities."

More entrepreneurship, less anti competitive state regulations.

Literally, this is a proposed regulation in search of a problem. This proposed regulation also stinks of special interests pushing a protectionist agenda with the help of a compliant government bureaucracy. I'm pretty sure I read somewhere recently that Alaska was "Open for business". If Alaska really is "Open for business" this new regulation will never see the light of day.

If anything, the state of Alaska bureaucracy, ABCB included, should be eliminating nanny-state regulations along with unnecessary laws and letting the free market decide winners and losers.

Leave the local brew houses and distillery's alone by vacating this proposal. The brewers and distillers have great products and promote entrepreneurship and community, both of which Alaska most certainly needs more of.

Sincerely,  
Gary Patton

--  
Gary Patton  
Vice President  
Juneau Electronics, Inc.  
1000 Harbor Way  
Juneau, AK 99801

[glpatton@ptialaska.net](mailto:glpatton@ptialaska.net)

Phone: 907-789-1400  
Fax: 907-789-4888

**From:** [Kenny Beckman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO Regulation  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:04:24 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

From a brewers stand point, I just moved here from TN and I was lucky enough to receive a job at a local brewery in Anchorage. I love the team and the atmosphere we provide. The events and festivals we get to be part of are essential in providing a welcoming environment for our customers. Please consider the fact that further limiting breweries and distilleries from holding activities and recreational events would be a huge detriment to what we provide to the community. No harm is being done by continuing to let us give the community what they want.

Thank you for your time and I hope the right decision will be made.

**From:** [Noel Pearson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stop restricting craft breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:23:01 PM

---

Alcohol Board,

I am totally against further restricting craft breweries and taprooms. They are already heavily restricted in comparison to the Lower 48. They serve a large segment of the population that wants to go enjoy a craft beverage.

Prevent classes and events? Really?

Put your focus on something else. #toomanypotshops

Thanks for reading this far.

N. Pearson

**From:** [upwards01](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:23:31 PM

---

As a resident of Juneau, AK, I strongly oppose the proposed changes to regulation 3 AAC 304. Trying to control the activities of establishments and their patrons to this level, is a violation of our rights. What is the reasoning behind these changes? A power trip? These changes will not only harm our small businesses financially, but will also contribute to the very real threat of division and break down so often seen in small towns. Juneau thrives on public events, gatherings, fundraisers, etc. Why would you seek to limit our access to the types of events that unite us as a community, by tying the hands of the very venues that so willingly host them? The current language of this regulation is specific enough and should not be changed.

Laura Miller  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [Andy Schaafsma](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Changes to 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:30:40 PM

---

Hello,

My name is Andy Schaafsma. I live in Soldotna. I am a brewer at Kenai River Brewing Company.

Many of the events we host at the brewery benefit local non-profit organizations. Under a state administration that is actively trying to reduce public funding to non-profits, why is the ABC board trying to make it harder for willing and enthusiastic private entities to benefit these organizations and build a stronger community? What is the rationale? Who stands to benefit from further restricting the already heavily restricted breweries?

The Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office's mission statement is to "Enforce alcohol and marijuana commerce laws and provide clear, consistent standards for licensure to protect the public from harm." Whose safety is at stake if we host a release party for a beer we brewed for a local non-profit? We still only serve 36oz per customer per day. We still close at 8pm. We still can't have live music. How will these new regulations prevent harm to the public?

I suppose I am simply confused at the reasoning behind these proposed changes. It is simply baffling to me that AMCO would seek to further stifle these opportunities for private companies to benefit our communities. The only thing that seems remotely plausible is that some CHARR members see the success of the breweries as a threat to their businesses. But surely a government entities would not seek to squash one thriving industry to benefit another? Surely being on both the ABC and CHARR boards would not present any conflicts of interest?

In short, I, and many others, believe the proposed changes have absolutely nothing to do with the posted AMCO mission statement regarding public safety, and in fact will do nothing but harm our communities and the local non-profits that serve them.

Thank you for your time,  
Andy Schaafsma

**From:** [Makayla Chappell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries in Alaska  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:36:12 PM

---

I do not support these changes. I want to know why? Why do you think “tightening” a system will make positive change? Is this even for positive change? I challenge you to visit all local breweries and distilleries and just sit and watch. Just watch what happens when you consume yourself with local drinks and art. If you make these changes you would be changing a thriving culture. A culture that makes positive change! A culture that supports local. Local artists, local families, other local businesses! It’s truly the circle of life that you would be taking away. Let us continue to make a positive impact on our communities. Allow us to be Alaskan.

-Makayla Chappell

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Christine Kleinhenz](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Change in regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:37:12 PM

---

To whom it may concern

I am a local artist who relies on all our establishments for displaying my art and for making sales. I currently am creating pieces for a show scheduled on December's gallery walk at Barnaby brewing. Please dont make the proposed changes and take away these opportunities for me and all the other local artists in our community.

Sincerely,

Christine M Kleinhenz

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [paul disdier](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting gatherings.  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:49:31 PM

---

I oppose the proposed new regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting gatherings.

Thanks,  
Paul Disdier

August 29, 2019

Alcohol Beverage Control  
Board 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste. 700  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
Amco.regs@alaska.gov

Re: Proposed changes on definitions of “recreational or gaming opportunities”

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulation under 3 AAC 304.390, providing a definition of “other recreational or gaming opportunities”. This regulation is meant to clarify language that more broadly prohibits certain licensees from allowing the following in their establishments:

“...live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities on the premises where the consumption occurs”

You now seek to define “other recreational or gaming opportunities” to include: 1) festivals; 2) games and competitions; 3) classes; 4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests; 5) presentations or performances; 6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

This proposal is shocking in its breadth and defies common sense understanding of the word “recreational and gaming”. While it can be argued that “recreation” has a very broad definition, it is not commonly understood to include educational, charitable, or social causes. You include actions created for the pursuit of societal good (charitable fundraisers for example), created through the efforts of nonprofits, educational organizations, social activists...and have determined that this is now a “recreational activity”. These activities do not benefit the premises as much as they benefit the community using that premise. Per your definition, you are no longer targeting the licensee. You are targeting community residents who want to use the licensee’s premise for an activity that is not necessarily connected to what is being manufactured or served on that premise. You are effectively regulating the customer, not the licensee, per your overbroad definition.

This does not fit a plain language reading of the law.

It should be the goal of every legislature to craft laws that do not require lawyers to pour through regulations just to understand what their law meant. By this regulation, you defeat that goal and prevent a normal person from being able to understand what is required of them without paying a lawyer to tell them exactly what they need to do. More to the point- keep a lawyer on retainer based on the constant rollercoaster of trying to redefine the legislature’s statutes via regulations on what now seems to be an annual basis.

As a final note, it would do well to remember that the ultimate authority regarding the Board's power to regulate rests with the legislature. If the legislature passes a law removing these prohibitions altogether, there will be nothing left for the Board to regulate.

I say this because on Monday, August 26, when these proposed changes were apparently noticed, I wasn't thinking about AMCO, its regulatory authority, or anything to do with breweries, wineries, distilleries, or beverage dispensaries. When I first learned of the proposed changes on Wednesday, August 28, I went to AMCO's website- only to find it outdated and with absolutely no mention of the proposed changes. I had to dig through three pages on the Alaska Public Notice System to finally find the notice. No reasonable average person could have learned what you were proposing without knowledgeable assistance.

When I finally found the notice, my first thought was that this was the definition of insanity. Every year it appears the Alcohol Beverage Control Board is trying again and again to redefine the rules regarding those holding a brewery, winery, or distillery license- even if there is no public interest in doing so outside special interest stakeholders.

In a majority of the United States, breweries, wineries, and distilleries are not regulated the same way as is done in Alaska. These establishments in the lower 48 are serious revenue generators and create a hospitable, family friendly environment that revitalize their communities. As the Alaska economy keeps teetering on the edge, it would do very well for the legislature to reconsider its statutory prohibitions and decide to truly open Alaska up for business.

On Monday, August 26, I wasn't thinking about contacting every State legislator about repealing its prohibitions on these establishments. Now I certainly am doing so, and will encourage others to do the same. Because we can't keep going on this carousel the Alcohol Beverage Control Board has created with these continual regulatory changes.

And if you don't think that's a serious comment, consider how the Marijuana Board feels about hemp these days.

Sincerely,



Teresa Bowen  
4459 Julep St.  
Juneau, AK 99801

**From:** [Demian Schane](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on proposed definition of "other recreational or gaming opportunities."  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:00:50 PM

---

I write to oppose the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's proposed modification to regulations which would add a new section to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" at 3 AAC 304.390.

I have lived in Juneau for nearly 17 years. At the moment, downtown Juneau is witnessing, depending on your perspective, a Renaissance moment or a rebirth of its glory years in the food and beverage departments. Leading that charge are new establishments including Amalga Distillery and Devil's Club Brewing, among others. We should be rewarding and encouraging their innovation and efforts to revitalize downtown. Yet, the proposed definition seems to thwart them.

They currently operate under significant restrictions -- no entertainment and they must close by 8:00 pm. Those restrictions alone are more than sufficient to protect the current crop of traditional bars, to the extent they even need (or merit) protection. The ABCB's proposed change would go too far and limit a variety of activities, from fundraisers to friendly get-togethers that are advertised on social media and open to the public. There is no plausible explanation for imposing such restrictions, other than to damage the business prospects of these new ventures.

Further, the proposed definition goes too far. Subsections (3) through (6) go well beyond the plain meaning of recreational and gaming opportunities. Taken together, recreational and gaming activities would ordinarily include contests and competitions where there may be awards and prizes or some type of sporting activity. The proposed definition, however, includes classes, parties, performances and would seemingly include poetry readings, a class on how to write a poem, a fundraiser, and other activities that clearly do not fall within the ordinary meaning of "recreational and gaming opportunities."

For the reasons above, I strongly oppose the proposed definition, I don't believe "recreational and gaming opportunities" needs to be expressly defined, and I think the ABCB's apparent short-sightedness will only undermine Juneau's young, entrepreneurial spirit when it should be doing the exact opposite -- encouraging more of it.

Thank you.

Demian Schane  
836 Calhoun Ave  
Juneau, AK 99801

**From:** [Sammy Crawford](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Control board  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:30:32 PM

---

Dear Control Board,

I strongly urge you to allow public presentations, charity events, classes & social gatherings in local breweries. Many of us enjoy our local breweries and do not wish to go to a bar but to support our locally owned breweries who are very generous in their support for many charities and local events. These brewery taprooms are members of the community doing positive things for our community. Please allow them to continue in making our communities better places to live.

Sincerely,  
Sammy Crawford  
Kenai

**From:** [Jerilee Musgrove](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** more restrictions of micro breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:34:00 PM

---

I have been informed about the new restrictions that are wanting to be imposed on the micro breweries, well, I personally think they are ridiculous!! I live in Soldotna and the Kenai River Brewery for one is a big contributor to this community!! They have fund raisers for the Cancer society, which brings in a lot of money for the fund raiser as well as bringing the community together!! People have family reunions there, they offer another place for people to come and celebrate Valentines day, anniversaries, birthdays, get together's for friends, and believe it or not bring money into the community!! We here in Soldotna/Kenai cherish our local breweries and enjoy the time spent there with friends and families!!! DO NOT take that away from us!!!! If you haven't been here and experienced the enjoyment that these places bring to friends and family and community... then maybe you should!!! Please DO NOT penalize these micro breweries anymore.....

Sincerely,

Jerilee Musgrove, a life long Alaskan and an advocate for Micro Breweries!!!

**From:** [Joy Lyon](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillery regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:42:41 PM

---

Greetings,

I am writing to request you to reconsider and withdraw the limitations on social gatherings hosted at distilleries. I consider this to be interference with constitutional rights - the freedom to assemble. I'm wondering how you plan to differentiate and enforce non profit, charitable, and other groups from promoting a gathering at a Brewery. I attended a retirement party at a brewery, which was widely advertised by family and friends, for example. In any case, there is little to no benefit, and a great loss to the social network of communities by disallowing social events in distilleries.

Joy Lyon  
404 West 12 street  
Juneau ak 99801



**From:** [James Mead](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposed 3 AAC 304.990 regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:43:02 PM

---

The proposed 3 AAC 304.990 regulations sounds like another unethical attempt for one class of business (bar and restaurant owners) to use law and regulation to unfairly hurt competition.

I do not want to go to a bar. Period.

But I do want to go to a brewery and enjoy some beer they make. I want some atmosphere, enjoy some events, even hear some music - and I will spend money that feeds our local economy.

The archaic thought of using any means necessary to suppress the growing craft brewing industry is pointless and outdated. There is simple no legitimate reason to further regulate this industry. It causes no public health risk, no danger to the public, and no economic benefit to the people of Alaska to effectively destroy an entire industry. We are moving backwards into the dark ages!

The only ones who could possibly be hurt are existing bars who are afraid of the changing times and changing tastes of the people - and I seriously doubt they will suffer much hardship at all anyway.

Further regulation of the craft brewing industry is morally WRONG, ethically WRONG, economically WRONG, and in no way serves the public interest.

Thank you,  
James Brian Mead  
2601 W Hackamore Road  
Wasilla, AK 99654

**From:** [SALLY KISSELL](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to distilleries and breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:43:30 PM

---

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to the regulations for distilleries and breweries.

Many local nonprofits have benefitted from the generosity of these businesses.

It appears that local bars object to new forms of competition. I highly doubt that their demographic is the same.

The distilleries and breweries offer different experiences for customers and have only benefitted the local economy.

I urge you to reject the proposed changes.

Thank you

Sally Kissell

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

**From:** [Bud Crawford](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Control Board  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:49:59 PM

---

Dear Control Board,

Local breweries are a real asset to our community. I urge you to allow social gatherings and presentations by groups at our breweries as it contributes to our local charities and the spirit in our area. These breweries do positive work by helping these events to prosper and profit by their participation. Our community is better off with their efforts. Please allow this to continue!!

Sincerely,

Bud Crawford  
Kenai

**From:** [Pat Race](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Kiehl, Jesse W \(LEG\)](#); [Representative Sara Hannan](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO Regulating Performance and Expression  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:32:50 PM

---

To Whom it May Concern,

It comes to my attention that AMCO is attempting to regulate where musicians can and cannot perform, where presentations can and cannot be given, where artwork can and cannot be displayed. This regulation of art and expression far exceeds the specific task of "controlling the manufacture, barter, possession, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the state."

AMCO doesn't protect the public with this effort, it is a move to protect a vocal minority of Alaskan bar owners who wield the instrument of bureaucracy to insulate their business models from competition. This is a phenomenon called "regulatory capture" and I suggest you read about how boards like AMCO can be leveraged to entrench private interests rather than ensure an equitable marketplace for all comers.

I do believe it is important that we have rules about serving hours and serving sizes. I do believe we need to maintain a clear understanding of who can manufacture, serve and distribute alcohol. Alaska has many problems stemming from alcohol and AMCO should be striving to recognize and address those problems by providing a framework for the safest and most responsible service.

Instead, AMCO is going out of their way to insulate entrenched small business owners from natural market forces and reasonable competition by discouraging artistic expression.

Why is a coffee shop with a beer & wine license allowed to have performances? Why are performances allowed where temporary alcohol permits are issued? What claim do bar owners have to performances and presentations and displays of creative expression that distillery owners and brewers do not?

I think AMCO is taking a serious misstep here and needs to re-evaluate this whole direction they're going in clamping down on activities rather than service. It goes far beyond the realm of alcoholic beverages and deep into the realm of regulating expression and public performance.

All my best,  
Pat Race  
Filmmaker & Illustrator  
Trustee, Alaska State Council on the Arts

**From:** [Melissa Griffiths](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Opposition to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:04:18 PM

---

The proposed changes to redefine "other recreational or gaming opportunities" is government overreach and will effectively cripple a burgeoning industry in Alaska, which has far more economic potential than the industry being protected.

Many distilleries and breweries have built business models with vibrant tasting rooms, which allow them to offer samples of and market their products. To change the rules that informed their business models after so much capital has been invested would be devastating. To change the rules that allow them to be supporters of their communities is unfair to both the businesses and the community members who have collaborated with these businesses to create value and good through fundraisers and limited events.

Damage to the manufacturing industry in Alaska is shortsighted. These small, up-and-coming producers have far greater potential to positively impact Alaska's economy than the bars who would be unfairly coddled by these changes. If we allow for the crippling of producers like Amalga Distillery — a company praised in national and international publications — we are throwing away the chance at bringing in revenue from outside of Alaska.

If we look at Alaskan Brewing Co. as an example, we see that an Alaska-based manufacturer can become a significant player in its industry. Alaskan Brewing has distribution in the entirety of the American West and as far east as Ohio, with fans requesting further expansion all the time. They've overcome the logistics of distributing a perishable product across the country from our remote location, and even now distribute to Hawaii. They employ an ever-growing team of employees in-state and bring outside money into our state. The model they started with assumed a different model than many of the small producers, but the potential for these start-ups is just as brilliant.

This is the future of the alcoholic beverage industry and it is the future of Alaska's thriving economy. Do not hobble these rising stars to protect those who do not have the vision or passion to compete in the free market.

Sincerely,

Melissa Griffiths

**From:** [Sigrid Dahlberg](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillery -Brewery Regs  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:14:18 PM

---

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed new regulations to squash the use of breweries and distilleries for events. This regulation serves no useful purpose, provides no added safety to our communities; it merely serves as a way to punish breweries and distilleries for providing spaces where art can be displayed and other events can take place. The competing industries (bars, restaurants) actually benefit from people spending time in these facilities because they often also visit a bar or restaurant as part of the evening.

Please allow our communities to enjoy a vibrant downtown area that includes breweries and distilleries that can be more than mere manufacturers of a product.

Thank you,  
Sigrid Dahlberg  
Juneau, AK

--

<><><><><><><><>

Sigrid Dahlberg, P.E.

Principal Engineer

*Dahlberg Design*

*[www.dahlberg.design](http://www.dahlberg.design)*

907.723.8896

**From:** [Corey Murphy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:21:22 PM

---

To whom it may concern. My name is Corey Murphy and I am a lifelong Juneauite. I have read The proposed change definition to AAC 304.390 and I am writing to express my opposition. In Juneau it is my understanding that the three businesses with that will most be affected by this are Barnaby Brewing, Devil's club brewing, and Amalaga distillery. These three new businesses in Juneau are wonderful. While serving alcohol, they are clearly not bars and have provided a beautiful location for many wonderful community activities over the last couple of years. They provide jobs, contribute taxes to our city and provide more options to grab a nice drink.

We live in a capitalistic society. There is supposed to be competition. The fact that most of the opposition is coming from bars makes me believe that they need to step up their game. If you can't compete with a place that is only open until 8 o'clock at night and only serves Gin, then I think the problem isn't that they are able to host art shows and first Friday events but rather that the bars aren't doing enough things to appeal to the masses.

Shutting down these businesses and taking away peoples livelihood is not going to drive it to other areas. It is simply going to be a loss of money into the economy. Jobs will be lost, less money in taxes will be gathered, and beautiful spaces that were created to be shared with the public will no longer be available.

When thinking about this I urge you to think of it through the lens of "is this contributing to our society in a positive way or negative way." I don't think anybody could argue that the three new tasting room's in Juneau have negatively affected our **community**. It is possible they may have negatively affected another businesses profit but again that is capitalism and we don't write laws to just make a few have a monopoly on an area but rather the more the merrier.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this.

Corey

**From:** [Kasen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery/distillery changes  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:29:09 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

We oppose the proposed changes for breweries and distilleries across Alaska.

Community is what our town is based off of and the local breweries and distilleries are a huge part of building and keeping our community together. They have invested into our towns and they deserve to be able to hold fund raisers. When a non-profit organization needs funds to help a good cause, the owners make their space available to help Alaskans, not themselves. Please re-think these changes and make the right choice for the small business owners.

Sincerely,

Kasen and Amanda Spickler

11400 N. Douglas Hwy.

Juneau AK 99801



**From:** [Amanda Winkelman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation to limit events at breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:31:49 PM

---

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Amanda Winkelman <[wink.reealty@gmail.com](mailto:wink.reealty@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** August 29, 2019 at 9:23:51 PM AKDT  
**To:** [alcohol@alaska.gov](mailto:alcohol@alaska.gov), [regs@alaska.gov](mailto:regs@alaska.gov)  
**Subject:** Regulation to limit events at breweries and distilleries

To whom it may concern,

I understand that breweries are more popular than bars now days but instead of allowing breweries to be open later (more revenue) sell more beer (again more revenue) and have events there (drawing in more people thus allowing MORE REVENUE) regulations like the one proposed would instead limit them.. so then what.. the people are supposed to go to the seedy, crappy bars instead where there is loud music playing and you can't have a real conversation? That isn't going to happen. I personally love the local breweries and cideries we have and go there to meet up with clients and friends because it is a safe, well lit environment where you can have an actual dialogue with each other. Having events there like yoga, etc. promotes a healthy and balanced atmosphere. Way better and healthier than riding the bull at the gaslight lounge in my opinion!

We are already dealing with enough crap in our state right now with the weather and political climate. Please don't take away any more of our fun too. It's what is best for our economy and our people.

Thank you.

Amanda K Winkelman  
***Keller Williams Realty, Alaska Group***  
101 W. Benson Blvd., Ste.101  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
Cell Phone: [907.350.3172](tel:907.350.3172)

**From:** [Shanna Switzer](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:36:18 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my sincere concern for and disagreement with the proposed amendment to the law governing tap rooms:

“3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, “other recreational or gaming opportunities” includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.”

This is laughable. Why on earth do we need to put limitations and restrictions like these on neighborhood tap rooms?

Tap rooms are a community gathering space, a great place to host an event, and a comfortable, lively, cozy, warm neighborhood hub. There is NO reason to put these kinds of limitations on tap rooms and I disagree with this overreaching restriction on their usage.

My nonprofit organization has benefitted from free use of our own local tap room and brewery, Odd Man Rush, and enjoyed using the space for gatherings, meetings, and small parties. I’ve personally enjoyed visiting with friends, birthday parties, and events like yoga at the brewery.

Please reconsider and toss out this archaic and senseless new section.

Sincerely,  
Shanna Switzer  
907-602-3799  
Eagle River

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mark W](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New interpretation for breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:41:13 PM

---

Dear sir,

Will you please stop the attacks on the local breweries that bring in tax revenue and provide jobs. These breweries must close by 8 pm already - they have no effect on bars nor bar restaurants that are open till 2 am. Are you really threatened by a yoga class or a charity raising affair? Who goes to a bar at noon or 2 pm for charity or a class? Come on get your act together - how many bars stop their patrons after 3 drinks? Where is the threat - how about a drunken fight outside bars at 3 am? How about we bring this state into the future and support family oriented venues that bring value and great beer to our city? Have you tried the root beer at OMR? Can't get that at a bar.

Sincerely,

Mark T Wnetrzak

Sent by kram's iPhonus

**From:** [Tanner Johnson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [rep.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov); [rep.lance.pruitt@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.lance.pruitt@akleg.gov)  
**Subject:** New Manufacturer Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:47:28 PM

---

Hi,

I am writing to voice my concern about this new regulation proposed by the control board. I am sure my elected officials for my neighborhood will be happy to take an ear to this email as well.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board proposes to adopt regulation changes in 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities, including the following: 3 AAC 304.390 is a new section proposed to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities."

First, I would like to hear an explanation about why this proposal is deemed necessary? What good does limiting a manufacturer's ability to host an event do for the larger community? I do not fully expect an honest answer, but what is the point of lopsided regulation between bars and breweries? What is the sway CHARR holds over the control board that is working to limit what manufacturers can do?

I am sure you would agree that community events are an integral part of our more isolated lifestyle here in Alaska, events that bring everyone together and remind us of who are neighbors area are of utmost importance. These types of events can provide a needed respite in the winter months, a reminder of the community you live in being vibrant through the cold/dark. I would like to point out all the community oriented events that manufacturers put on, as I am sure you have seen mentioned in the numerous articles and postings from those businesses. Where is that kind of community involvement on the bars side? How could you possibly look at those community events in a negative light?

The frustrating fact is that you are limiting a surging segment of the economy, a strong section that is growing and through their strength, growing those around them. And yet you are working to limit their success, in favor of business that bring nothing fresh to the table, are not family-friendly, and do not serve nearly a diverse section of the population. Food trucks are doing better business through events, local artists are finding a platform, etc etc. How on earth do you answer to the negative impacts of those?

Thanks for your time.

Tanner

**From:** [Moir Westervelt](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:31:10 PM

---

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the regulations proposed under 3AAC 304.390. I am a Fairbanks resident and my family and I have participated in several events sponsored by local tasting rooms in the city. My husband has run the Hoodoo half marathon twice and plans to do so again this year. We regularly participate in weekly runs co-sponsored by Hoodoo and Goldstream Sports. We are concerned that the proposed regulations would eliminate the opportunity to participate in these events that raise money for local charities, encourage community involvement, and are a fun, safe way for residents to enjoy the community they reside in. I believe that these regulations would unduly further restrict an already highly regulated industry that, for the most part, seeks to promote activities to involve the community and promote the community's overall wellbeing. I would encourage you to look very closely at the benefits these community events offer, the contributions and commitment these small business make to their communities, and the rationale behind the opposition to these events. I feel like these regulations attack businesses that have been receptive to the changing dynamics of the industry and benefit the bars that have maintained their age-old business models. I do not think it is fair to punish businesses that are innovative, motivated and responsive to their clients and community. Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to 3AAC 304.390.

Sincerely,  
The Westervelt Family

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Corinne Cogger](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Events at breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:26:44 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

Please do not prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries. There is a very strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces.

I am not sure why this is even an issue. Microbreweries are an important part of Alaskan culture and a huge way they add to that is by providing a space for community events to take place. They support other small businesses through these events and foster a more social and economically strong community.

The Anchorage community will suffer if this regulation passes.

Please reconsider this movement.

Best,  
Corinne

**From:** [Zac Woodward](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Brewery Restrictions  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 12:08:26 AM

---

Greetings,

I recently moved to Alaska from a state with a vibrant brewing community that spurred the local economy, supported innumerable local charities, and provided a welcoming atmosphere as a social hub for patrons that desire to support local businesses of all types.

I was very happy to find that I have a local brewery to support, but dismayed to find the number of regulations imparted upon them. I have no problem with a 2 drink limit, in my experience, most brewery patrons self limit their Intake anyway....we aren't looking for a "bar scene" to visit. But other restrictions already limit opportunity for revenue.

When I'm a tourist, I often go out of my way to visit the local breweries of my destination and learn of the local culture, which is most definitely different than visiting a bar. I recently travelled across SE Alaska and visited every local brewery available, even if it meant I had a 30 minute window to get there from my plane or ferry because of the early closure times. During this visit, I met a passionate community that supports Alaska's other unique businesses through their use of Alaskan grains and agricultural products.

History has shown amongst the 7,000+ breweries in the US, that permitting the brewery to serve as a hub of their own product and commerce allows them a fighting chance to survive in an industry that is dominated by predatory conglomerates for shelf space and tap space. INBEV and SABMiller do not care one bit about the strength of the economy in Kodiak or Sitka or Juneau. Yet they will handily force these towns' unique products out of bars and package stores through exclusive selling privileges. There are plenty of local bars across the US that do not even sell beer from the brewery down the street for this exact reason.

Now, with proposed legislation that is circling, Alaska's breweries will possibly face an even tougher time competing. Prohibiting festivals, games, competitions, classes, public parties, presentations, and performances further restricts the opportunity to bring in traffic and makes the brewery seem as a shady, dirty, underground alternative to a bar, rather than the vibrant, community oriented, family operated businesses that they typically are.

If Alaska is truly open for business, the state will do everything they can to support the businesses that create it's unique products.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Zac Woodward  
Kodiak

**From:** [Kyle Callegari](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** The proposed definition of "recreational and gaming opportunities" is no good  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 12:34:20 AM

---

The proposed definition of "recreational and gaming opportunities" in the state alcohol regulations.

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

It penalizes businesses that are already heavily taxed and extremely restricted. If passed this definition will detriment small businesses in Alaska, and disproportionally favors competitors like Bars. This further definition is not good for Alaskan small business, and Alaskan culture. Please reconsider adopting the proposed definition.

Thank you,  
Kyle Callegari



**From:** [Caleb Gordon](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 - A Ridiculous Idea  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 1:23:06 AM

---

To whom it may concern.

Not going to write a big long argument, because it's not even complicated. It's just stupid. Breweries and distilleries are community meeting hubs which are already required to strictly limit their service. What does this administration think it's doing? What happened to keeping government out of peoples' small businesses? It's arbitrary and unnecessary and will damage the livelihoods of scores of business owners and their employees throughout the state. It also unnecessarily restricts public and community venues and meeting spaces. There isn't public will for this, outside of, perhaps, a niche constituency. (A no-look marriage of bar owners and teetotalers? Good luck hitching your horse to that wagon).

Don't enact this. It's stupid and unpopular.

**From:** [Zach Lewellyn](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Local breweries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 3:13:17 AM

---

This email is regarding this Facebook post as seen below.

“Yes, AMCO wants to make it illegal for a brewer to give a presentation about beer! We need your help in opposing proposed regulations that further limit what breweries, distilleries, and wineries/cideries can do. We already face many restrictions -- like 8 pm closing times, pour limits, no live entertainment, and no games. The proposed regulations define entertainment and "recreational opportunities" to prohibit presentations or performances, classes, festivals, games or competitions, public parties, and "other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public."

If these regs are approved, we can't host fundraisers, can't have shows with artists or crafters, can't have yoga, and can't have other community events. We can't even have brewery tours or brewer's talks, and we can't celebrate and anniversary or holiday.

You can be sure that we'll be submitting public comment opposing these regulations, and it would be awesome if you would too! For more information, go to <http://notice.alaska.gov/195261> and scroll to the bottom for a copy of the proposed regs and related notice. Send comments to [AMCO.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:AMCO.regs@alaska.gov) by October 4.

And please stay tuned; we may need your help in supporting reasonable legislation for beverage manufacturer taprooms!

Thanks so much for your support.”

I don't agree with the regulations currently already set, and I don't believe any good will come of the ones proposed other than personally hurt the company. I grew up in a brewer community and have spent a lot of time over the years with local brewery owners. I believe it is there right to be able to gather people in their locally owned mom and pops breweries to sit down and have discussion. Either about beer to who knows the local charity event hosted to promote and fundraise for breast cancer awareness. A lot of people don't realize how many home brewers take part in community events and donate a lot of money to them for support of the cause. Please rethink the regulations.

Warm regards.  
- Zach Lewellyn

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Alison Marks](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on regulation changes  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 4:44:06 AM

---

Greetings,

My name is Alison Marks. I was born and raised in Juneau. The positive impact of art walks and other gatherings by places such as Amalga Distillery and Devils Club Brewing has been a welcome addition to our community. They are places people can connect in a clean, safe and responsible atmosphere.

I have never been to either location. However through my friends even I have felt the positive experience that these tasting rooms bring. The tasting rooms are not detracting from the community, they are a clear and welcome addition. The proposed regulations feel personal, and frankly the regulations feel like they are opposed to economic growth and positive new business additions to our town. I sincerely hope that the board will not adopt the regulation changes to restrict community gatherings.

Sincerely,  
Alison Marks  
360-620-6039

**From:** [SatCom Tech](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational Activities in tasting rooms  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 5:33:02 AM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being a fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,  
John McMurran  
Wasilla, Alaska

**From:** [Trev Montoe](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No More Brewerie Regulations  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 5:57:29 AM

---

Dear AMCO,

Breweries are great local places that do not deserve to be so heavily regulated. Enough is enough! They support the communities they are in as well as many non-profits. Can you name a bar that does half as much? The breweries here in Alaska are operating under some of the strictest regulations in the country for no good reason, other than to oppress the little fish. Please stop! Put more regulations on bars in anything. Stop hurting the local do-gooders!

Thank you for your time.

TREV

**From:** [Scott Steven](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** NO MORE REGS!!!  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 6:10:19 AM

---

AMCO,

Putting more regulations on our small business local breweries is just wrong! Most breweries host local artists, have ties to the communities and give back, and are good for the economy. Give them a try and support them! They make good stuff! Our breweries are held to the highest of standards in the nation for no good reason! These laws are prohibition era and need to stop!

Please no more regulations for community minded breweries.

Thank you

Scott S.

**From:** [Evans family](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** brewery regulations  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 6:16:54 AM

---

To whomever thought the new brewery regs were/are a good idea:

Are you kidding me? Why, why, why would you want to stifle small community based businesses? Ever?

A place where community gather and converse and laugh and play? So some big box restaurant can bury them and get more rich?

It is so beyond my thinking that I don't even know how to argue it. Wake up and get rid of regulation. Breweries ALREADY have too many restrictions.

NOT the Alaska way (or any way quite honestly.) I've been to breweries in the lower 48 and we have WAY more restrictions up here.

Do not let his pass.

Dawn Evans

**From:** [Jennifer Hardy Brown](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery/Distillery proposed reinterpretation of regulations  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 6:57:05 AM

---

Hello,

Juneau's local breweries and distilleries are a prime and joyous gathering spot for nearly all of the events I attend now. They have positive, encouraging environments that are adding so much needed vibrancy to our community through hosting arts and cultural events, fundraisers, and more. Please allow them to continue operating in this way. Our community would suffer a great loss if the regulations are reinterpreted differently to prevent them from hosting such events.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Brown



**From:** [Jeff Hebert](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 7:13:20 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

Regulations are going the wrong way on our local winerys (which I will now call breweries). We should be lifting regulations instead of imposing new ones. We live in a free market, which should inspire competition. From competition comes great things. Imposing regulations is choking down the breweries to try to help the Restaurants and Bars whom are falling into the ruts of 10 years past.

Restaurants and Bars have the edge of being able to serve variety, this should be their only advantage. We should be allowing breweries to have live performances, not taking their rights away. People in our communities love breweries and want to see them grow and thrive. The current regulations set on our breweries are already unjust.

To allowing people to sit down at a bar, I cheers.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Hebert  
Eagle River

**From:** [Jessie L. Deemer](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** changes  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 7:15:23 AM

---

I oppose the proposed changes to define “recreational or gaming opportunities”

**Thank you,  
Jessie Deemer  
GCI, Supply Chain  
Juneau Warehouse  
1759 Anka St  
Juneau ak 99801  
907-523-3295 desk  
907-490-1093 cell**

**From:** [James keenan](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Local Breweries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 7:19:12 AM

---

As a proud member of Alaska and our military, get out of our hometown breweries. You are tainting the American way and through coercion only helping your own. If you truly value the way of life that we fought and died for in this nation, you would allow “freedom” to actually be free and for people, honest hard working Americans, to express that freedom.

James Keenan

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: Rebecca Hamel  
To: [CEU.ANDY.BIGGS@FED.spokaneid](mailto:CEU.ANDY.BIGGS@FED.spokaneid)  
Cc: [rebecca.hamel@eagle.net](mailto:rebecca.hamel@eagle.net)  
Subject: No more Tap Room limitations  
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 7:22:58 AM

---

To whom it concerns,

The below proposed interpretation of the entertainment statute is outdated, takes away from opportunities to enhance and connect our communities, serves special interests and unreasonably hinders a growing industry which is bad business: 3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

Tap room laws already limit the state's brewery industry on what they can do, by when and how and this proposal enforces more restrictions that will only hurt these businesses and in turn our communities.

The breweries that my family and friends frequent promote strong family and community partnerships and work hard to add value, giving back through events, shows, classes and fundraisers. Examples (only a few):

<https://www.maddysrunak.com/sponsors/>  
<http://www.eaglerivertri.com/sponsors.html>  
<https://www.turnagainbrewing.com/community>  
<https://m.facebook.com/events/311756034056928/>  
[https://contexture7B%22action\\_history%22%3A%22%5B%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22page%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22main\\_list%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra\\_data%5C%22%3A%5B%5D%7D%5D%22%7D&aref=0](https://contexture7B%22action_history%22%3A%22%5B%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22page%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22main_list%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra_data%5C%22%3A%5B%5D%7D%5D%22%7D&aref=0)

All of these activities are mutually beneficial, promote togetherness and are a source of pride as part of our growing Alaska brewery industry. We feel local brewery tap rooms add quality of life to the communities they serve. A healthy tap room is the heart of any brewery where locals and visitors can stop in for a relaxing, quality experience whether it be a mid-day yoga class, community fundraiser or great brew with a buddy.

On behalf of my family, friends and community, and as a long time Eagle River constituent I oppose any further restriction on Tap Room laws. I also encourage everyone in your office to have a retreat at your nearest local brewery before 8p closing with only snacks to munch on while you stand at the bar to discuss brewery industry standards across our nation, reevaluate how the restrictive Alaska's laws already well exceed many other sister states and then have another beer but no more than 36oz please.

Cheers,

Rebecca  
Eagle River  
Huge fan and frequenter of local breweries

**From:** [Philip Peterson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stop the attacks on our local businesses  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 7:58:46 AM

---

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to voice our strong **opposition** to the regulation changes of 3 AAC 304.390 proposed to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" at breweries.

Our local brewery here, Girdwood Brewing Company, has become an invaluable supporter of our non-profits and community groups. They fill a crucial roll in providing a space to gather at no cost, that no other business can or is willing to do. This space is critical to profitable fundraising for non-profit organizations. Rental fees are often so costly as to be prohibitive to any financial gains made from a fundraiser. Through its generosity, our local brewery has become a central hub of our community.

Due to the nature of a brewery's liquor license, these facilities do not have as many issues with drunken and disorderly conduct, the chance of drunk driving is greatly diminished, and they are more inviting to families. These factors make for a safer environment for community members with and without children to gather, debate, fundraise and improve our communities. They are more than just bars maximizing profits by selling alcohol.

In this time of dwindling state financial resources and large corporate donors leaving our state, it is more imperative than ever that our small businesses are given every opportunity to support each other and their community. Whether it is hosting individual artists, non-profit fundraisers or families in need, these breweries are stepping in to fill needs in their communities that would otherwise go unfilled.

The new regulations AMCO has put forth, represent clear government overreach and threaten our communities in an effort to help bars monopolize funds. This is unreasonable and unAmerican! Unless it is in AMCO's mission statement to facilitate monopolies, crush competition, and attack community fundraising, regulation changes to 3 AAC 304.390 must be repealed immediately and replaced with verbiage to protect the rights of breweries to help our local communities.

**Lastly, those members of AMCO that have supported these monopolistic rule changes need to be looked into. The only reason I can figure why one would support such competition crushing laws is that they are related to or invested in a business that is threatened**

**by the competition breweries have created. Whether it is nepotism or cronyism, we want these individuals off of AMCO!**

Sincerely,  
Philip Peterson  
Voter, Community Member, Non-Profit Organizer  
(907) 720-8376

**From:** [Robin Mulvey](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Steven Mulvey](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulations  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 9:39:43 AM

---

Hello,

I am writing to let you know how fundraising events at Amalga distillery have changed my life and my families lives for the better. My husband is 36 years old and has been diagnosed with a rare tumor within his spinal cord. Last spring, he was confined to a wheelchair because of his cancer. Our family had struggled so much, and we are now in the process of readjusting to life back in our home in Juneau after 4 months away for treatment. We have two small children, and my husband now also requires care for all daily tasks and transfers. This has been a struggle emotionally, physically and financially, since the home modifications and treatments are expensive and we have lost one of our incomes. Amalga recently hosted a fundraiser and donated all proceeds to our family. The outpouring of support from the community was incredible, and the money raised will greatly help our family adjust. I am firmly against any proposed changes that would prohibit or limit community events and fundraisers at distilleries and breweries such as this, since I think they provide an invaluable service to the community. Having these events at distilleries and breweries does not negatively impact anyone. There is no competition for this type of community offering at other venues, including local bars. An event like this simply would not be well-suited for a bar or restaurant. Please do not make changes that will hurt local businesses and families.

Sincerely,

Robin and Steven Mulvey  
10100 Silver St.  
Juneau, AK  
99801  
907-500-4962  
907-500-4961

**From:** [Cobley, Jessica](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please support our community  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:58:21 AM

---

Hello,

My name is Jessica Cobley and I am a teacher in the Juneau School District and an active member of the Juneau Community. I would like to share my **opposition to the proposed changes** prohibiting craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting events such as:

1. receptions for no-profits
2. fundraisers
3. community outreach
4. local artists
5. First Friday displays
6. makers markets
7. pop-ups

As a member of this community who has enjoyed attending and participating in such events, I would be frustrated and sad to see such things taken away. It is a way for our community to gather in a way it has not before. These spaces in Juneau, especially Amalga Distillery and Devil's Club Brewery, have provided a wonderful space for community members to share what they have to offer and gives us a chance to support them in return.

These new regulations prohibit a very easy, successful, and productive way for our community to gather in a public space and support each other. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THIS AWAY.

Thank you for taking our comments to support our community instead of inhibiting it.

Cheers,  
Jess Cobley

--

Jessica Cobley

7th Grade Science Teacher

Floyd Dryden Middle School

Juneau, AK



**From:** [david lehew](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:58:11 AM

---

We need breweries as a communal space to engage with one another. Bars are for late nights and commencing with the mating ritual. The fact that bar owners are on and are allowed on the alcohol control board makes me absolutely sick. Please let the breweries maintain their daytime activities.

Sincerely David.

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

**From:** [David douthit](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to bylaws governing Breweries/Wineries/Cideries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 9:41:52 AM

---

Hello,

My name is David Douthit and I'm writing you to leave my comment regarding the changes that have been proposed. I am against these changes and feel that they are overly restrictive and not in the general public's best interest. These small companies offer a unique gathering place that in no way challenge bars/restaurants by offering classes or other spaces for gatherings. If anything I would hope to see the regulations relaxed towards these companies as they are drivers of the local economy and part of the community but I doubt that would happen as long as Liquor licenses for bars and restaurants retain their astronomical value due to our licensing structure. Thank you for your time.

-David D

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Stephen Groves](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 9:49:54 AM

---

Please don't pass this revision  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bobbie Cook](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restricting breweries from holding events  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 9:56:45 AM

---

To whom it may concern:

Here we go again: the state of Alaska in the best interest of the population is looking to further restrict the already heavily restricted activities of local breweries. One only needs to visit one of these establishments to truly appreciate the niche they fill in our communities. They provide pleasant environments for people to gather and converse unlike most of the dive bars in this state. Customers in these establishments are not loud or stumbling drunk like the over served customers in most of the even nicer bars in this state. They provide venues for artist to sell their work in the absence of galleries that have been closing at an alarming rate. They provide a gathering place for communities to raise money that build up our communities in the absence of state and local government funds. While most bars degenerate our communities by serving customers to the state of intoxication and letting them walk out the door to drive drunk or brawl on the streets. Further restriction of breweries doesn't appear to be in the best interest of our communities or population. Instead it is government overreach that serves the best interest of businesses that serve to benefit owners over communities.

Sincerely,  
Bobbie Cook  
Artist  
Girdwood Center for the Visual Arts  
(907) 351-4465

**From:** [Kirsten Valentine](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Don't restrict social events at breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 10:00:13 AM

---

I was really disappointed when I heard about the proposed rule change barring breweries and distilleries from hosting social events. The role of AMCO is to protect public health and safety on issues related to alcohol and marijuana in Alaska, not enact protectionist rules for specific lobby groups. This proposed rule seems antithetical to protection of public health and safety. I really enjoy going to social events at breweries and distilleries. It's a great way to draw the community together, see friends, and support arts and culture. One of the reasons I like going to breweries and distilleries is that people are only having a few drinks (per the maximum servings rule) and aren't drunk. They're behaving like reasonable adults rather than gigantic toddlers, unlike the few wasted hot messes I always see at bars. I've gone to painting classes at a distillery, and we were focusing on socializing with each other and our paintings, not on the drinking. There are breweries and distilleries that support local artists by participating in First Friday events, bringing the community together. Hosting social events at breweries and distilleries promotes more responsible, tempered drinking behavior than events hosted at bars. A beautiful thing about breweries and distilleries as a venue is that they have an income stream from their brewing and distilling, rather than only relying on sales of alcohol for on-site consumption. They know they'll be selling their products to distributors, restaurants, and bars. They'll probably sell some of their product to individual patrons who enjoyed one of their drinks and want to bring some home for later consumption. So there's no need to push event attendees to drink more than the attendee originally intended (plus the servings are already limited). At a bar, the profits come from drinks sold for on-site consumption, and the business has an incentive to make sure that every patron feeling slightly thirsty has ample opportunity to buy and drink more alcohol.

Please preserve the rights of breweries and distilleries to host social events and support community arts and culture. It promotes public health and safety by providing alternatives to bars for socializing with more reasonable, tempered drinking behavior.

Thank you,

-Valentine

To: Alcohol Beverage Control Board

From: Brock Tabor

434 7<sup>th</sup> St. Juneau Alaska 99081

RE: Proposed Regulation at 3 AAC 304.390

Comment: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed language at **3 AAC 304.390**.

**Definitions.** It is my opinion that such language is a clear example of government overreach, contrary to the wishes of both the Governor and the legislature in promoting new business in Alaska, and will have a detrimental effect on local businesses and tourism.

The rapid growth of Alaska's distilleries, wineries, and breweries has provided a much needed boost to our economies. Marketing changes in the Cruise Ship industry towards a younger audience are not happenstance but rather a reflection of market demographics. This younger audience is not necessarily interested in seeking out the age-old standard business model of a dark, poorly lit bar scene at 5pm but rather desires a distinctly different atmosphere. Research shows 93 percent of travelers seek unique and memorable food and drink experiences.<sup>1</sup>

People want local products served by local people in an environment that is warm and inviting to a broad range of ages and background

Alaska's bars, taverns, and watering holes are not necessarily designed to create such an atmosphere nor should they. These businesses benefit from having the ability to offer all of the services identified at 3 AAC 304.725(c) ("Entertainment") and 3 AAC 304.380(1).

Local communities and not-for-profit have benefited greatly from this new class of businesses as they provide a venue that appeals to a much broader demographic than the current bar-restaurant industry has made available.

Governor Dunleavy has repeatedly said that "Alaska is open for business" and that he would focus his administration to "reform regulations" in a way to boost the economy.<sup>2</sup> The proposed definition at 3 AAC 304.390 is protectionist in nature and obviously seeks to further restrict the ability of these new businesses to grow and prosper. This young labor market is one of Alaska's most valuable and vibrant resources and the propose regulation does little to provide incentives for young entrepreneurs and the "Made in Alaska" brand.

3 AAC 304.112(e) provides the Board with broad discretion over how it selects who will and who will not be considered during the application process.

The factors the board will, in its discretion, consider in determining the public interest include the safety, suitability, and proximity to other licensed premises of the location of the proposed

---

<sup>1</sup> KINY News. <http://www.kinyradio.com/news/news-of-the-north/juneau-food-industry-thrives/>. August 30, 2019

<sup>2</sup> Associated Press. *Dunleavy Taps Feige to be Natural Resources Lead*. November 14, 2018

premises; the size of the proposed premises; community amenities associated with the premises, including entertainment, dining facilities, and tourist accommodations; and preferences or priorities expressed by the local governing body.

IF the Board is to have the subjective role of determining what is in "the public interest" then it must also have the same responsibility of such a determination during the rulemaking process. Eliminating the opportunities for small businesses like wineries, distilleries, and breweries to provide a space for **festivals; games and competitions; classes; parties; presentations or performances; or other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public** while at the same time selling locally crafted products does a disservice to the local and business community at large. Restaurants in the vicinity of these establishments are thriving as the result of increased visitors in the area as bars that are open and able to serve interested parties after 8pm.

Alaska's population is stagnating as is the business community due to a number of factors including the general ambiance of our respective "downtowns". If Alaska's leadership, including the Alaska Beverage Control Board, did in fact seek to promote entrepreneurship and demonstrate a state that is "Open for Business" the Board will immediately rescind the proposal to introduce the definition at 3 AAC 304.390.

Thank you.



Brock Tabor  
434 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99081

**From:** [Joe Fish](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 proposed regulations change.  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 10:53:48 AM

---

AMCO and the ABC board of the State of Alaska.

I am writing to negatively comment on the proposed regulation changes to 3 AAC 304.390

I have been a loyal customer, friend to the industry, and sometimes employee to brewery, distillery, and meadery taprooms. I enjoy many of the characteristics that the tap and tasting rooms provide, and believe that some of the regulatory oversight is done with good-ish intent. I choose to believe that much of the intention behind the language in the regulations is to preserve safety, and the overall business interests of the entire industry. However, I am struggling to understand the intent, and potential improvements that would be made with this proposed change. I do not believe that this change is being made to further the safety of the people of Alaska.

The only rationale that I can see and have been able to understand behind these changes is that of a business decision. It is becoming blatantly apparent that the regulatory body is working to further the interests of the other segments of the industry, that are apparently threatened by the breweries, cideries, meaderys, distilleries, and the like. It is becoming clear that the other segments of the industry (ie. the bars, restaurants, and other drinking establishments) are beginning to feel threatened by the success of the organizations that this regulation change would directly effect. I believe that any change in business that the bars and restaurants are experiencing is directly the result of their business decisions made, and are not something that regulations should swoop in to change. If the bars and restaurants cannot compete with the sales and environment of beer, distilled spirits, cider, wine, mead et. taprooms, than they need to adapt the changing environment, and changing tastes to find success in the environment once again, and not rely on regulation changes to save them.

Let me put this another way, in a way that Darwin discussed several decades ago. If an organism (or business) cannot be successful in their environment, they must adapt to their new environment to survive. Out there in the ocean is an island filled with finches that could not obtain the food that was available to them because of the shape of their beak. Because of this predicament, the finch adapted and changed its beak to allow it to feed, to allow it to be successful. The finch realized that it was necessary to adapt and change or die. What the finch did not do was lobby a higher power to change the island, to place the food on a platter, and to make it illegal for the food to hide in the tree.

The finches, the bars and restaurants, need to learn to adapt to their new environment. What should not occur is the higher power swinging in to change the environment for them, and by that virtue causing harm to those that have found success on this particular island.

To make these changes will have a dramatic and devastating impact on several, if not dozens of small business. This seems like a strange move to occur in a political climate that is characterized by the statement that "Alaska is open for business". To hinder the businesses, in a way that provides no improvement to the overall safety or stability of the overall industry, is



reckless and irresponsible. It is the role of a regulatory body to regulate for the sake of fairness, safety, and to preserve the interests of the State. this regulation change does not appear to serve any interest other than aiding the bars and restaurants that are struggling to find success in their current environment.

--

Joe Fish:

Ph: (907) 280-7880

**From:** [Media.rettke](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 "other recreational or gaming opportunities." Comments  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 11:38:33 AM

---

I have been a resident of Ketchikan, Alaska for over 30 years, and seen several breweries come and go. The new regulations that keep getting proposed are so cumbersome and restrictive to just one small group that it is incredible unfair. People enjoy learning about their beer/wine/liquors - so to limit the free speech of brewpub owners o my hurts consumers.

I oppose these additional regulations Ave want my comments on record as such.

**From:** [jelena seibold](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 12:06:37 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

The proposed 3 AAC 304.390 will ultimately hinder small businesses, detract value from our communities, and decrease social and cultural activities available to us.

Ultimately, it is bad for small businesses, bad for the community, and makes Alaska look like it can't keep up with the rest of the country.

Please do NOT adopt these proposed changes!

Thank you.

Jelena Seibold

**From:** [Pinky](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** "Recreational and Gaming Opportunities" Proposed Definition  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 12:21:31 PM

---

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the language of the definition of recreational and gaming opportunities. Our small businesses/craft breweries & distilleries in Alaska operate under such restrictive and suppressive rules currently while maintaining what small opportunities to provide to their communities in what ways that they can, further limiting these opportunities will be unnecessarily damaging to these communities.

I have concerns as to why these further limitations are being presented and to whom they will directly benefit as they definitely will not be beneficial to our Alaska communities as a whole.

Please oppose these further limitations with this new language, and I urge you to please reconsider allowing these small businesses to operate with less restrictions all together as they are able to in many other states.

Thank you,  
Lisa Curry  
Registered voter in Alaska

**From:** [Rick Hanson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Get with times  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 12:50:54 PM

---

Leave the breweries alone there hours are already limited they contribute to the community and ridiculous rules like yours ruin it these businesses have done many fundraisers for great causes and yet you want to limit their business ridiculous

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Zane Chapman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Rule Changes  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 12:56:38 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

The changes proposed to the Distillery and Tasting rooms of Alaska is an attack on the local communities. These events being hosted by the tasting rooms and distilleries help local artists share their work as well as provide positive atmospheres for organizations to meet. The charitable events being held at these locations support great causes around Alaska, businesses like the Narrows will never been seen supporting local artists or charity. I urge you to allow the tasting rooms and distilleries to continue their fantastic community involvement.

Thank you,  
- Zane Chapman

**From:** [Steven Mulvey](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulation changes  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 1:00:45 PM

---

Hello,

I am writing to let you know how fundraising events at Amalga distillery have changed my life and my families lives for the better. I am 36 years old and diagnosed with a rare tumor within my spinal cord. Last spring, I was confined to a wheelchair because of my cancer. Our family had struggled so much, and we are now in the process of readjusting to life back in our home in Juneau after 4 months away for treatment. We have two small children, and I now also require care for all daily tasks and transfers. This has been a struggle emotionally, physically and financially, since the home modifications and treatments are expensive and we have lost one of our incomes. Amalga recently hosted a fundraiser and donated all proceeds to our family. The outpouring of support from the community was incredible, and the money raised will greatly help our family adjust. I am firmly against any proposed changes that would prohibit or limit community events and fundraisers at distilleries and breweries such as this, since I think they provide an invaluable service to the community. Having these events at distilleries and breweries does not negatively impact anyone. There is no competition for this type of community offering at other venues, including local bars. An event like this simply would not be well-suited for a bar or restaurant. Please do not make changes that will hurt local businesses and families.

Sincerely,  
Steven Mulvey  
10100 Silver St.  
Juneau, AK  
99801  
[907-500-4961](tel:907-500-4961)

**From:** [Jenell Larsen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** public comment re: proposed changes on definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 1:01:51 PM

---

Dear Alcohol Control Board,

I am writing in opposition of the proposed changes on definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities. Our local watering holes like Devil's Club Brewery and Amalga Distillery make positive contributions to those in need, as well as cultivate community awareness by being able to host artists events, engage in fundraisers and be a place where friends can reunite on a monthly basis at First Friday events.

Juneau is one of the nations most spread-out cities. Our breweries and tasting rooms provide places where friends can meet, a forum for folks to learn more about art, science and culture. In fact, I would like to see more events being hosted at these establishments, as well as a diversity of non-alcoholic beverages being served. This is an issue that impacts community cohesion and I am opposed to these proposed changes. Please continue supporting the engagements that happen at these establishments.

Sincerely,  
Jenell Larsen



**From:** [David Hayes](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed further restrictions on serving at Alaska breweries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 1:28:38 PM

---

My heart sank when I heard of further potential regulations imposed on your state's craft breweries. My wife and I visited Alaska in July, and were quite impressed with the world class quality and innovative spirit of the Alaskan brewers. However, the restrictions on activities and hours seems unnecessary and draconian. To hear that further impositions on their creativity and subsistence is a possibility is discouraging and does not bode well for the artisans in your state. It also implies that the state favors one group of entrepreneurs - restaurateurs - over the brewers.

Please do not hamper this group any further, and allow them at least as much liberty as their fellows in Oregon.

Thank you,

David Hayes

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Marian Call](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: restricting community events in tasting rooms  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 1:33:42 PM

---

Hello AMCO,

I am a professional musician and community organizer, and an enjoyer of alcohol both in bars and tasting rooms.

I understand you regulate alcohol servings, tasting room hours, and other aspects of tasting room business to ensure they operate differently from licensed bars and restaurants.

However, regulating music, art, and community events is NOT your business. The proposed new rules are regulatory capture, preferring one kind of business at the expense of another. We need healthy bars and restaurants, we also need healthy distilleries, and they can absolutely all thrive at once.

A liquor license does NOT license a business to hold a music event. Music is not exclusively played in bars, and it should NOT be regulated by AMCO. I realize music is already banned in tasting rooms, and that has always seemed unjust, but with further crackdowns proposed I question the legality of banning should a first amendment challenge be brought.

I can play music in a bookstore, convenience store, game store, private home, bar, restaurant, gym, church, or municipal building, anywhere, as long as licenses are paid properly to ASCAP/BMI or other PRO's. Regulating legal music performance is their business and the municipality's business, it's a question of insurance and royalties, not alcohol.

Music performance is not directly connected to liquor sales and should not be regulated by AMCO.

Marian Call

**From:** [Michael Newell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery/Distillery reg change  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 1:38:42 PM

---

AMCO,

I strongly disagree with the proposed regulation change, 3 AAC 304.390. I go to the local brewery because it is not a bar. If this reg passes I will not start going to bars because they do not offer a place to sit around and chat. All the bars here seem to be more for drinking only and smoking cigarettes at the door.

Respectfully,

Mike Newell

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tiffany Albert](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Rules and Regulations  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 1:55:17 PM

---

Hi There,

Would love to voice my support in siding with the breweries on the newest proposed initiatives. Limiting them more is a JOKE. Punish individuals and individual locations if there are issues, do not punish the growing brewing community. It is a fruitful industry that is thriving everywhere in the country. Don't limit them, it's not fair.

With all the crap that is allowed everywhere else around town, don't limit the ones where the normal working folk like to spend their time and their money. The low life people don't end up at the breweries so don't treat us like them.

Thanks,

--

**Tiffany Albert**

720.445.1696

[t.a.andrews13@gmail.com](mailto:t.a.andrews13@gmail.com)

**From:** [Lyle Kass](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: AAC 304.390 definitions  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 2:11:29 PM

---

Dear governing body (AMCO),

It would be detrimental to the community, as well as detrimental to Alaskan small businesses, if the proposed amendment to the production facility regulations is passed. As an employee of a small business with which these new regulations would affect, I have seen first-hand how my employer has been able to positively contribute to our small community. While providing a safe and fun space for families of our town to commune, Girdwood Brewing Company has been a bridge for local and native artisans to introduce themselves to Alaskans and our guests alike. To restrict the programming of small businesses, such as this family-owned enterprise, would be restricting the spirit of the Alaskan at his core. Local breweries and distilleries seek to correct the imbalance that century-old restrictions had imposed upon grass-root, community-centered endeavors; to limit them further would not only impede upon local business—it would diminish local community development. Please consider my concern in this matter as a plea for all small town Alaskans. I appreciate your ongoing support for Alaskan small businesses and I hope a sensible solution can be agreed upon to benefit us all.

Sincerely,

Lyle P. Kass

Archaic and protectionist

**From:** [Heath Bonsall](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restricting Tasting Rooms  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 2:22:07 PM

---

Do not restrict the tasting rooms any further. This is a farce and the general public can see right through the motives for this move. Free and open competition is capitalism, the ABC board does not work for just one industry who seems to try and manipulate it for their own good and squash competition. If the law is vague or needs changing force the issue back to the legislature. Don't legislate it further via the ABC board with your own interpretation. You are not the court system. If any changes are made to the current rules you better believe that changes will be coming from the people to the ABC board as well as the representatives who are responsible for allow it to happen.

Heath Bonsall

**From:** [Rebecca Dierking](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed regulations on breweries and distillaries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 2:24:57 PM

---

I am opposed to the proposed regulations on on breweries and distillaries that is not allowing them to do fundraisers.

Rebecca Dierking

**From:** [Lena Merrell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Change in regulations  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 2:25:24 PM

---

Wow. We went what, a year without having to fight for amazing, successful, hardworking, community oriented small businesses? I shouldn't have your email in my address book. But I do. Because the regulations that keep coming up are attacking businesses and people that I care about. That give Juneau a sense of community and togetherness that was lacking before. I visit these businesses because they have a good product and they've created an environment I feel comfortable in. If bars want to follow a similar model, by all means, let them. They have different clientele, different hours of operation and different goals. Please stop killing commerce and community, our state needs these things immensely.

Lena Merrell  
Juneau Alaska

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Cindy Smith](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery and distillery regulations proposal  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 2:28:15 PM

---

I oppose proposed regulations to control certain kinds of public events at breweries and distilleries.

I am completely puzzled as to why the board would intervene in activities like music, hosting local fundraisers, first Friday participation, etc. These activities are not relevant to the regulation of alcohol consumption, do not interfere with tasting room serving restrictions and, frankly, seem to be proposed as a way to punish patrons.

I don't have a dog in this fight, I rarely go to bars or breweries/distilleries and am not related to or friends with proprietors of either variety. But I feel strongly that the board needs to get out of the music and party regulation business, and focus on alcohol sales and consumption, which is what it exists to do. Please decline attempts to regulate community activities in establishments based on license type, and please do focus on inspection and regulation of alcohol consumption itself.

Thank you.

Cindy Smith  
314 Irwin Street  
Juneau Alaska 99801  
907-463-3350

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [jeffrey mclaughlin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery license section 04.11.130  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 2:34:18 PM

---

Board Members,

I am opposed to the regulating of entertainment at breweries. The live entertainment, TVs, games and dancing fit in with the local flavor of breweries. The new breweries in Juneau have brought a revitalization to the downtown area. Please reconsider regulating opposing these activities.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Vicky and Jeffery McLaughlin

**From:** [Vicki Van Fleet](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distilleries and craft breweries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 2:44:00 PM

---

Are these limiting proposals going to continue to rear their ugly head??

Speaking for the owners and operators of distilleries, craft breweries and wineries that I frequent...they are a welcome change to most bars that I have been to in this State.

I have lived in Alaska since 1975, have worked in the food and beverage industry many times over that period.....and I believe that the new establishments are a breath of fresh air in this town and this state.

I love the entrepreneurial spirit of them, the energy of the owners who had the vision to dream of something a bit different.

My experience is that the whole experience is much more wholesome than most bars...

The owners have invested (in my opinion) as much time and yes, in many cases, money as bar owners have.

They offer something to the community that bars do not - a community gathering place.

Please take this letter into consideration.....

Vicki Van Fleet  
626 5th St.  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [JW Millegan](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New rules for Brewers  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 2:46:18 PM

---

These new rules for Brewers are just insane. I am from Oregon and the beer and wine industry as grow dramatically proving many local jobs and attracts tourists. No one in there right mind would even proposed these new rules.

These proposed rules are very stupid. This is totally opposite to the way it is done everywhere else. The new and small producer can not survive without being allowing to do these things. In addition, tourism is an important part of ALK economy and these rules would hurt tourism. People want immersive experiences. I am guessing this is coming from the large producers who are losing market share. I seriously doubt these new rules are coming from the citizens of Alaska. A grassroots campaign can stop this, especially in Alaska.

Sincerely,

JW Millegan

**From:** [georgeouscleary.](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes of entertainment statute  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 2:47:45 PM

---

The proposed changes are unfair and unnecessary. Breweries and distilleries are already hobbled enough in this state, they don't need to be further disadvantaged. Also, insofar as they serve as community centers, people should be allowed to throw birthday parties, family and social functions, and other casual events at their local brewery without worrying about breaking the law.

If anything, we should be allowing these businesses more freedom to host community events, not making it harder.

Please reconsider this change.

-George Cleary  
4025 Homer Spit Rd  
Homer, AK

**From:** [Two Seasons Mead LLC](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments for 3 AAC 304.390 Proposed Changes  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 3:01:16 PM

---

To the Director and Board of AMCO,

We are a newly minted craft beverage manufacturer in the State of Alaska. We had our first opening on August 24th, 2019 and are currently having our grand opening August 30th - September 2nd. It has been an arduous, insightful, frustrating, and gratifying process to become licensed to manufacture and sell mead in Alaska and we were happy to persevere through it all to share our joy and passion with the excellent and amazingly supportive people of this State. We know that this comes with a mountain of responsibilities to the public and ourselves...responsibilities we are glad to suffer in order to bring something positive to Alaska's culture, community, and economy. We have and will be dutifully complying with the statutes and regulations as set out by laws of our State concerning responsible manufacturing and serving of alcohol for the good of public safety.

That said, we must strongly voice our disapproval at the proposed changes as set forth by AMCO concerning 3 AAC 304.390. We strongly believe it will have deleterious effects to our business, those of the craft beverage manufacturing industry in the State of Alaska, its patrons, and the communities that they meaningfully contribute to. These proposed changes offer no perceived benefit to the public's safety or well-being, and as a regulatory body whose purpose is to have the public's safety or well-being as its forefront mandate, it seems the motivation for these changes are suspect. The fact that your public notice cites no proposed benefits, of any kind, as a result of the addition of 3 AAC 304.390 might lead the citizens of Alaska to wonder exactly whose interests are served by this new rule, if not their own.

In fact, the adoption of these changes would negatively impact the burgeoning practice of Alaskans who look to their local brewery, distillery, cidery, winery, or meadery as a potential safe and inviting locale to share their ideas, knowledge, creativity, philanthropy, and other socially constructive ventures. To stifle such positive activity is a great and, frankly, irresponsible disservice to the alcohol manufacturers, the law-abiding patrons of said manufacturers, and to the State of Alaska as a whole...especially when this body has not bothered to give a clear or purposeful rationale for this intended course of action.

We optimistically urge you to reconsider adopting 3 AAC 304.390.

Sincerely,

Vincent Cook, Christopher Peterson, Kevin Prestegard, and Kevin Sobolesky  
Owners/Members

Two Seasons Mead, LLC DBA: Two Seasons Meadery  
License #5750

**From:** [Gregory Haas](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery license restrictions  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 3:02:23 PM

---

Please note that I do not support this effort to restrict activities at breweries. I recommend relaxing Alaska regulations to be consistent with states in the lower 48. I am also concerned that this comes so soon after a failed legislative attempt to reduce the volume of alcohol a brewery can sell. Could you please confirm if CHARR contributed to the effort to propose this restriction?

Please remain true the principles of operating within the state Department of Commerce - work to grow business in alaska.

Very Respectfully,  
Greg Haas

Seward resident  
907-422-7502



**From:** [Christine Seibert](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 3:36:02 PM

---

Board members,

I ask you to vote no on the proposed definition regarding “other recreational or gaming opportunities” within 3 AAC 304.390. Breweries are a safe place to socialize with friends and family. They support good causes and have events that bring people together. The vast majority are small locally owned businesses. This board’s continual attack on breweries not only shows you are not supportive of local businesses but also your favoritism and your blatant ownership by the liquor companies. You should consider the citizens of the community who love breweries and enjoy them responsibly as well as small business owners over trying to succumb to the pressures of liquor companies and other lobbyists.

Please leave breweries alone and allow Alaskan’s to enjoy one of the many reasons Alaska is great...beer!

V/r

Christine Seibert  
Anchorage resident

**From:** [Chris klawonn](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Why?  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 3:43:08 PM

---

Hello,

My name is Chris Klawonn and I'm a warehouseman with the local electric utility. I've been around bars and breweries most of my life, with both bringing a relative amount of relaxation, fun, and enjoyment to a long week. If, while I lived in Colorado or California, you asked me what the major difference is between bars and breweries I would answer with the obvious choice, breweries make their own beer, but not much more than that. Now living in Alaska comes with its own challenges and hardships, and that is to be expected and in most cases adds more to living here than it takes away. So I ask, why for the love, do you need to make it harder for locals to make a good living creating something. In Alaska exclusively, we can not drink more than 3 glasses of beer at a brewery more than 8oz!? God forbid my ring tone is a song that might ring for more than 10 seconds or I might get thrown out!? I have been "warned" about letting my friends enjoy a ho key game on my phone because it could be considered entertainment and we could be asked to remove ourselves. Why? Honestly, if I were to create say wood carvings, would I be completely un able to sell said carvings where I created the carvings? And even if I couldn't honestly why not? There is NO reason to make making a living or enjoying ourselves in Alaska any harder than it needs to be. Please stop regulating breweries to death. Our communities are enriched by their professional and fun atmosphere, and I see no reason for them to be forced from their business or moved to a different state for some regulation that no other state in the union has thought would be a good idea or necessary.

Thank you for your time and your service to our great state.

Chris Klawonn  
[Chris.klawonn@gmail.com](mailto:Chris.klawonn@gmail.com)  
907-957-2962

**From:** [jane.katkus@alaska.net](mailto:jane.katkus@alaska.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** STOP  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 3:47:06 PM

---

I'm just dropping you all a note to say STOP trying to impose your puritanically ridiculous wants and wishes on the rest of us who take tastings, etc., seriously and responsibly. This totalitarianism is outrageous, unnecessary, unAmerican and especially unAlaskan. Now butt out. We have enough rules and regulations on the books to address responsibility already.

Thanks,

Jane Katkus  
Anchorage

**From:** [Donna Knutson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restrictive language adoption relative to Brewing Companies  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 3:59:16 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opinion about the proposed new language that would make it more difficult for breweries to do what they do.

I live in Girdwood, and have enjoyed the addition to our community of the Girdwood Brewing Company. The Brewery has become an important part of the community, and has contributed in many ways. It has become a favorite gathering place, and has hosted fundraisers for community members and hosted local artisans. As their business has grown, they have hired more employees and provided good jobs for them.

I'm not sure the purpose of the new language, but it seems counterproductive to me to do anything to harm a thriving business in this climate in Alaska right now. There is room for different business models.

I urge you not to change rules that are working.

Sincerely,

Donna Knutson

**From:** [Jessica Olsen-Gillaspey](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose!  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 4:40:34 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I was recently made aware of a current proposal by AMCO to redefine and/or propose new and additional regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting gatherings such as fundraisers, art exhibits, makers markets, etc.

I STRONGLY oppose this action by AMCO. Breweries and distilleries in Alaska are already heavily regulated and have been following current regulations without question. I recently went to Juneau and enjoyed my time at Amalga Distillery, Barnaby Brewing Company and Devil's Club Brewery and am in full support of what these businesses have done for downtown Juneau; they're building a vibrant and welcoming community. Why would you want to stop them from supporting the arts and hosting fundraisers?

Everything that these establishments embody is what we should be supporting, not very transparently playing favorites in favor of jealous bar owners. It is shameful that this regulation is even being considered and with the States recent economic woes, you would think that these successful businesses would be being celebrated, not attacked. I sincerely hope that AMCO will change its course.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Olsen-Gillaspey

**From:** [Sarah Sandvold](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distilleries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 4:44:07 PM

---

The regulation for the distilleries as they stand are unfair. Now you are heading toward further restrictions. To prohibit fundraisers, art shows, etc is ridiculous. The distilleries provide a nice forum for these events and it is good for the community.

The distilleries are decent good corporate citizens in the community.

Stop this ridiculous regulation.

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [richie whitson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 4:45:40 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I was recently made aware of a current proposal by AMCO to redefine and/or propose new and additional regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting gatherings such as fundraisers, art exhibits, makers markets, etc.

I STRONGLY oppose this action by AMCO. Breweries and distilleries in Alaska are already heavily regulated and have been following current regulations without question. I recently went to Juneau and enjoyed my time at Amalga Distillery, Barnaby Brewing Company and Devil's Club Brewery and am in full support of what these businesses have done for downtown Juneau; they're building a vibrant and welcoming community. Why would you want to stop them from supporting the arts and hosting fundraisers?

Everything that these establishments embody is what we should be supporting, not very transparently playing favorites in favor of jealous bar owners. It is shameful that this regulation is even being considered and with the States recent economic woes, you would think that these successful businesses would be being celebrated, not attacked. I sincerely hope that AMCO will change its course.

Sincerely,  
Richie Whitson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [David Brighton](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 5:25:32 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

In the last month I have been seriously considering buying Kassik's brewing company. Frank and Debbie have had the business for sale and haven't found a buyer. Tightening rules further give me pause about my ability to run a small business. Breweries are very popular right now and it is disheartening that this board would stand in the way of small business owners in a sector of the economy that is clearly supported by consumers. Please don't stand in the way of the brewery model that Alaskans want.

Sincerely,  
David Brighton

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Shelley](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 6:26:30 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I was recently made aware of a current proposal by AMCO to redefine and/or propose new and additional regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting gatherings such as fundraisers, art exhibits, makers markets, etc.

I STRONGLY oppose this action by AMCO. Breweries and distilleries in Alaska are already heavily regulated and have been following current regulations without question. I recently went to Juneau and enjoyed my time at Amalga Distillery, Barnaby Brewing Company and Devil's Club Brewery and am in full support of what these businesses have done for downtown Juneau; they're building a vibrant and welcoming community. Why would you want to stop them from supporting the arts and hosting fundraisers?

I own Alaska Beach Creations and they have been a big part of helping me market my creations.

Everything that these establishments embody is what we should be supporting, not very transparently playing favorites in favor of jealous bar owners. It is shameful that this regulation is even being considered and with the States recent economic woes, you would think that these successful businesses would be being celebrated, not attacked. I sincerely hope that AMCO will change its course.

Sincerely,  
Shelley Gillaspey  
Box 696  
Sitka Alaska. 99835

**From:** [Alan Sattler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation proposal  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 6:29:17 PM

---

I am firmly against additional regulation of Tap Rooms. Let the consumer decide, as it should be.

Grant

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Sarah Colosimo Beck](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alaska Breweries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 6:35:01 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the newly proposed regulations on our local breweries. PLEASE do not further restrict our breweries. There has been incredible growth by these businesses in recent years and they are a wonderful place for locals to gather and to come together in a fun and safe way. The current consumption laws limiting each person to 36 ounces, as well as the hours (closures at 8pm) and other rules already prevent breweries from becoming dangerous. They have become classy places for not only locals, but also MANY tourists who are excited to to come and enjoy what our amazing state has to offer. Again, PLEASE do not restrict them further and prevent them from being allowed to teach, present, fundraise, showcase locals artists, or celebrate a well-deserved anniversary or holiday.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sarah Beck  
337-296-9798  
7823 Highlander Dr, Anchorage, AK 99518

**From:** [Steve Froom](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New legislation  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 6:36:28 PM

---

This is ridiculous that you want to remove the ability to throw events and etc in breweries. Breweries, by nature, are very social and bring people together. A lot of good breweries even support the community. These events help with both! There are enough bars to cover that model that you're looking for. Do you see bars giving back to the community in the same way? No, you don't. So stop with your nonsense.

Steve

**From:** [Rick Mensik](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Entertainment  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 7:22:56 PM

---

TO: AMCO Board  
RE: Brewery and Entertainment

I currently hold several Beverage Dispensary Licenses. I have operated under Title 4 since 1992 as a manager and since 1996 as an owner in Alaska .I was not allowed to get a restaurant designation , because I had pool tables (entertainment) . I had a Restaurant Designation in one location and I was not allowed to have video games or Foosball. I took them out because that was the statute that Richard Finney enforced. And I paid \$125,000 for that license. I just recently tried to get the Red Fox a Restaurant Designation and once more the pool Tables have become an issue.

If the Brewery's purchase a Beverage Dispensary License ( more regulations) they can have entertainment,but they can't be a restaurant . That's what they will be demanding next .

AAMCO has to be fair to all license holders and *require* them to comply to Title 4. You have made us comply ,to the letter. The Enforcement Officers are not shy about demanding that we comply. I have had to change my signage because the the old name of the club could be seen on an obscure sign. You have all of the necessary requirements in Title 4 already to meet the requests of the Brewery's. Why will they not just meet those requirements,the same ones we have had to meet.

Rick Mensik

**From:** [Kirsia Hughes-Skandijs](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Review your scope  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 8:04:20 PM

---

Hi.

I'm writing because I and many other Alaskans are at our wits' end with the overstepping and arbitrary regulations that the AMCO boards have produced. Rather than regulating sensibly and in the best interests of public safety and common-sense usage, the ABC and MCB seem to take every opportunity to leverage personal morality and economic favoritism against two up-and-coming industries.

While you could, in the state's interest, embrace the economic boom of microbreweries and distilleries, the ABC seeks to control and thwart their success by trying to define how their clientele enjoy themselves. Limiting the number of beverages allowed was sufficient to prevent these tasting rooms from becoming bars - and attract many of the people who frequent them because it is an altogether safer and less chaotic venue than the bars. The rampant problem of overserving at licensed bars would be a much more appropriate target for your attention. Telling people whether they can display art is just preposterous, and the idea that you are now riding sheriff for the legality of musical performances is so far outside your purview that I seriously question the board members' judgment.

Likewise I see every effort to stymie marijuana retail as being a dubious attempt to impose members' morality and personal preference on what is a legal industry mandated by the voters. If members are unable to look past their personal bias, they would do better to seek other employment.

The unpopular decrees made by AMCO regarding whether, for example, a bowling alley can have beer, or whether a tasting room can pair their spirit with an appropriate mixer are so rankly contrary to public sentiment and convention that I cannot believe that AMCO acts in good faith. Please take an opportunity for departmental introspection and stop stepping over the lines.

Kirsia Hughes-Skandijs  
99801

**From:** [Juliette Lowery](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulating breweries is NOT ok.  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 8:34:28 PM

---

Good afternoon,

The proposed regulations on our small, local Alaskan home grown breweries make ZERO sense. It doesn't make sense to add additional regulations on our these guys. Breweries are popping up nationwide and increased regulation in Alaska will put us even further behind the national standard. Beyond that, feel family friendly when they host local shows like art shows, galleries, spoken word events. I don't like being in bars and these are GREAT alternative venues.

I like our community being able to interact with breweries. It feels good to know the business owners and employees. Don't kill those relationships.

Juliette

**From:** [Jim Foster](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillers and breweries  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 9:46:15 PM

---

There is no need to over regulate breweries and distillers. They are already overregulated.. Restricted hours of operation, drink volume, yada yada. These manufacturers already operate at a disadvantage there is no need to effectively shut them down and unconstitutionaly require no public announcements..A gag order for business is a death Nell.. If the smelly, dirty, dingy bars want more business they need to clean up their act plain and simple..

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



**From:** [Wendy Larsen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: functions held in distillery's  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 10:05:46 PM

---

---

**From:** Wendy Larsen [mailto:dwttlarsen@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 10:03 PM  
**To:** 'AMCO.reg@alaska.gov.' <AMCO.reg@alaska.gov.>  
**Subject:** functions held in distillery's

I am not sure of the purpose of the proposed regulations to disallow functions to be held in these facilities. What seems to be the problem with doing that? It is a fun place to hold social events. I am objecting to this new proposed ordinance. It seems unnecessary. I can't think of any downside to having functions held in distillery's. It is not a bar situation. Wendy Larsen

**From:** [Margaret Cowan](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Friday, August 30, 2019 10:38:53 PM

---

Alcohol Beverage Control Board  
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Alcohol Beverage Control Board Members:

Thank you for your public service. I appreciate your work on behalf of and representing the citizens of Alaska.

I am writing to oppose the proposed changes in 3 AAC 304 adopting 3 AAC 304.390 to define “other recreational or gaming opportunities.”

I know that Alaska has social problems with alcohol and that the state has a responsibility to regulate alcohol manufacturing and consumption. I understand that this results in Alaskans and our visitors having a more limited experience at breweries and distilleries in Alaska than those in other states or countries. Limiting the hours and amount of sales address safety concerns.

Change is difficult and it is not surprising that bar owners would like to do business as they have done business in the past and that they would promote regulations to benefit them and hurt the businesses they perceive as competition.

At a time when Alaska is trying to diversify the economy, a government regulator should not promote restrictive regulations that will cripple or strangle a nascent industry in Alaska. Yes, Alaska is different than the rest of the country, but our government should promote business engagement in the community, not stifle it. I urge you to consider regulations that promote new businesses and jobs in the state, not ones that will eliminate those that currently exist and prohibit or discourage future entrepreneurs.

If the state prohibits breweries and distilleries from participating in community arts events, you should prohibit professional firms and ice cream parlors as well. In Juneau, ice cream manufacturers and architect offices participate in vibrant First Friday art exhibits. Those company’s primary business is not art. A logical next step in this line of tightening regulation is for the Department of Commerce to prohibit anyone except certified art galleries from exhibiting, selling and advertising local artists’ works. Prohibiting architects OR distilleries from participating in local arts events does not make sense for promoting vital community engagement and commerce in Juneau or other Alaskan communities.

Your responsibility to promote the health and safety of Alaskans is a significant responsibility. Alaskans do not visit breweries and distilleries to over indulge in alcohol, and the current regulations prohibit this. Forbidding Alaskans to gather at the place of their choice to participate in a community art event, or listen to a presentation, or contribute to a charity fundraiser does not protect their health and safety. Such prohibitions are simply “unAlaskan.”

Please do not adopt the proposed definition of “other recreational or gaming opportunities” in 3 AAC 304.390.

Sincerely,

Margaret Cowan  
Juneau, AK

**From:** [Douglas A. Yates](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** (Amended) Public Comment: draft regs for alcohol manufacturers  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 1:09:11 AM

---

This proposal is out of phase with the craft brewery economic trend. It should be denied. Craft breweries represent a burgeoning sector globally and nationally. Entrepreneurs and investors have legitimate expectations that the State of Alaska will not interfere in business promotion and community outreach. The proposed regulations dictate means and methods relating to community contact and education. It is likely an infringement on guaranteed rights to speech. Has AMCO asked for a judicial review from this perspective? For these reasons and others, the proposal should be set aside. The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office should limit its oversight to regs presently in place.

(Please acknowledge receipt.)

Submitted by:  
Douglas A. Yates  
Box 221  
Ester, Alaska 99725  
Ph: 907-479-8300

**From:** [Jason Norris](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulations  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 2:35:10 AM

---

Board,

At a time when Alaskans have made it clear they want less regulation, more freedom, and a greater community interaction with their direct-to-customer alcohol providers, you are seeking to interject and establish draconian limitations on the types of activities allowed at breweries and distilleries. While we clamor for more freedom to interact with these vital community spaces, you seek to limit said freedoms.

I implore you to reconsider not only these proposed rules but to consider rolling back other, established rules to allow these vital and necessary parts of our community to have an ongoing and meaningful dialogue with us, the people they so proudly and dutifully serve.

Thank you for your consideration,  
-Jason Norris  
Anchorage, Alaska

**From:** [Margo Waring](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** comment on proposal  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 6:07:26 AM

---

Alaska's Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board recently proposed a regulation change that would prevent breweries and distilleries from hosting social gatherings that are advertised to the public. Brewers and distillers worry what the proposal could mean for their businesses.

I object to this proposal. The business owners who made significant capital investments and developed business plans around the original regulations will be severely harmed by implementation of these new rules which are not just minor modifications but major changes to their operations.

I am not a drinker and have appreciated the opportunity to attend social events in these spaces where there is no pressure or assumption that you will consume alcohol. Further, these businesses have expanded the number of places for public/social gatherings making them community assets.

Sincerely,  
Margo Waring  
11380 N. Douglas Hwy  
Juneau, AK 99801

**From:** [shayne wescott](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Upcoming Law Proposal  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 6:25:48 AM

---

To who is may concern,

I am writing to you today in regards to the proposed law change that would affect the local breweries in Alaska.

I have lived and grown up in Eagle River most of my life and one of the things that I have enjoyed most about my community is the tight nit feeling we have, Odd Man Rush Brewing is one of those businesses that help make that feeling. OMR is more than just a brewery in the ER community, it is looked at as a staple of what ER river is about. It was a couple of guys who wanted to get together and make some beer and use that beer to give back to the community, and that is exactly what they have been doing. Whether it has been through sponsorships, hosting classes, or even the few events that they do people know that when OMR is involved it is going to be something special.

The effect that OMR has had in own community in the last few years is pretty remarkable and you can see that through peoples idea if it being "Their" brewery. Everywhere you go in ER you can see the locals repping the OMR gear and showing off that they get beer from good local guys like Reid, Ross, or Swanny.

I think one of the biggest draws to these businesses is that fact that they are safe. As someone who has gone to the bar scene downtown and to other establishments nothing gives you the same feeling of security like the local breweries do.

Another point I would like to make is that his is not just OMR in ER, this goes for all the breweries. When I was a student in Fairbanks Hoodoo offered me the same feeling of security and community.

I am not understanding why if these breweries are offering so much positive in our communities we would be trying to restrict them even more.

All in all I think implementing these restrictions on to the local breweries is taking away from the community and causing more harm than good.

Thank you for your time,

Shayne Wescott

**From:** [Melissa Tholl](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stop anti-brewery laws  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 6:50:41 AM

---

Hello,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed regulations that would prohibit all sorts of activities at our local breweries. I'm not sure how breweries became the target of anti-fun laws, but it's getting absurd. This law would be bad for local artists and musicians, particularly lesser-known or newer ones, or indie musicians who wouldn't be able to find a booking at a bar anyway. It's bad for communities where people can't have a drink and enjoy themselves with something as simple as trivia night at their local brewery and it's bad for tourism when breweries can't advertise informational tours. Breweries are not stealing business from bars by providing a venue for relaxed, low-key, community-friendly activities. I wouldn't visit bars even if you banned breweries altogether (which it seems like you're trying to regulate them out of profitability anyway so maybe that's where we're headed). I prefer to go somewhere without blaring canned music and obnoxiously drunk people to have an alcoholic beverage. Bars and breweries serve mostly different demographics, but there's absolutely nothing stopping bars from cleaning up their building, turning on the lights, turning down the music, serving fewer drinks, and advertising some new craft cocktails if they really want to compete for the same market. Please throw this nonsense regulation where it belongs: in the trash!

Melissa Tholl  
1792 Wildberry Loop  
Anchorage, AK 99502

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Hollis Kitchin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed section AAC 304.390 definition  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 7:15:44 AM

---

Hello,

I hope you all are having a good day so far. I like many others seems to not understand why a distillery or a brewery should not be allowed to advertise or host events just because they are not a bar. It is part of the AMCO's position to regulation distribution of alcohol and marijuana and not weather or not if a business decides to have a public event.

Here is a long list of businesses that are also not bars that are allowed to host public events and have live performances if they so choose as long as it meets municipality and city law requirements:

Clothing stores  
Restaurants with a wine and beer license  
Public Parks  
Office buildings  
Banks  
City operated places (libraries, parks)  
Museums  
Churches  
Pretty much any other type of business out there.

Instead of forcing businesses that are trying to bring more tax funding to the state, maybe more bars should be putting on events and understand that competition means you have to work on your business not just complain because people want to enjoy an evening out in a safer environment where there is a drink limit, in a well lit place, that closes before the bar life begins.

Please regulate how much product the bars can serve better instead of trying to find ways to prevent businesses from succeeding.

Thank you,  
Hollis



**From:** [Jessica Wingert](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New regulations being proposed  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 7:52:24 AM

---

Hello,

As a citizen of Alaska I would like to voice my displeasure at hearing this regulatory body is looking to impose even MORE regulations regarding breweries. STOP WITH THE REGULATIONS. You're killing what America was founded on (the right to pursue happiness, freedom, and liberty), by stomping on brewery owners' rights to pursue their business. Stop telling a bunch of adults how YOU think we should live and what should and shouldn't be allowed. Who are YOU to tell me and many others what's best for us, let US decide what is best for OUR community, not a bunch of people who aren't involved and contribute nothing to our community but a bunch of headaches.

Sincerely,

An Alaskan adult who's tired of being treated like she's not an adult by a bunch of adults who don't exactly know what they're doing and aren't even doing it well

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Marvin Ebnet](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** possible restrictions for brew pubs and taprooms  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 8:05:34 AM

---

I am not a big beer drinker and I NEVER go to a bar. I do enjoy going to brew pubs and tap rooms to have a beer and some food.

The people I know that frequent these establishment are of the same.

I really think the board and our politicians are in the pocket of CHARR period. They want the restrictions but the funny thing is the people that frequent the brew pubs and taprooms don't frequent bars.

The state of Alaska should be supporting these small business as they are responsible, socially conscious and serve a group of our society that are socially responsible.

The proposal to cut the amount of beer you could consume on site from 36 ounce to 24 ounces was STUPID.

Now the proposal to cut the ability to promote and hold various types of events is equally STUPID. You folks need to stop it and start helping the responsible groups grow there businesses.

The problems we have with alcohol abuse is NOT these establishments. I have never seem a homeless drunk frequent one of these establishments, I have never saw anyone in these establishments inebriated

Please stop this nonsense.

Marvin Ebnet  
resident of Alaska for 45 years  
Anchorage Alaska  
(907) 346-1966

**From:** [Tyler Jones](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Other Recreational Opportunities  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 10:05:54 AM

---

Dear Director McConnell-

My name is Tyler Jones. I've been a professional brewer in Alaska since 1997 and am currently the operating manager of Broken Tooth Brewing, the only allowable non-colocated Brewpub license in the State.

I am writing to you today on this Saturday morning of the Labor Day Weekend to express my opposition to the preposed language to define recreational and gaming opportunities.

I'm sure you've heard from many of my fellow colleagues from within the industry who have waxed eloquence about how this will negatively impact their existing operations. As we have a Brewpub license, these changes wouldn't impact our operations at all (unless the Title 4 rewrite eventually passes - but that's another story for another time).

I'm writing to you as a traveller.

Whenever I go somewhere, be it for work or leisure, I seek out nearby breweries to visit. Sometimes, if time allows, I'll take a tour, because I find it interesting. I obviously know how beer is made so it's not about that for me. Besides the technical stuff that I geek out on, I'm interested to see how breweries bring people together to share stories, catch up with old friends or unwind after a long hike.

Just yesterday, three different groups of tourists stopped by looking for our tasting room. One couple had just landed in Alaska and the first thing they wanted to do was to visit a brewery. Breweries are community centers. They have been for over 5000 years.

If breweries naturally bring people from all walks together, why do we want to tell them that they can't enjoy a game of cornhole while enjoying their freshly made IPA? Why do we want to tell them that they can't take a tour to learn how their delicious Tripel was made? Why do we want to tell them that they can't attend a class to learn the differences between a Lambic and a Kettle Sour?

The answer seems to be all about the BDL. When I read "The board directed staff to strengthen the language to better reflect the legislative intent that these licenses are manufacturers, not retailers," all I hear is Dale Fox's voice. That's his go-to. Protectionism at its finest.

Alcohol in Alaska is a tough nut. I don't envy your position. This proposal reminds me of the Soup Nazi - order your beer, step to the side, back away slowly, avoid eye contact. "No Fun For You!"

Please reject this proposal.

-Tyler Jones  
**Broken Tooth Brewing**

**From:** [Jennifer Allen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Ruining local business  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 10:16:34 AM

---

Good Morning,

I am a concerned citizen emailing about the new updates to the regulation of our local small business. Putting restrictions on the types of events they can have is going to ruin the small business of Alaska. This is a direct attack on their ability to do business and grow. Please don't do this, please allow all businesses to continue as normal and have charity events and first Friday shows.

<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=118869>

Jennifer Allen

**From:** [Debra Dailey](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery regulation proposal  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 11:11:18 AM

---

I feel strongly that brewries help raise monies for non-profit organizations and should continue to be allowed to provide and produce special beers and products for this purpose.

Thank you! Debra Dailey, 7706 Huckleberry Street, Anchorage, Al

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [DawnRobert](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Recent anti-brewery ruling  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 11:11:55 AM

---

Hello,

I would like to see this new restraints on local breweries rescinded. This is too much of a reach of control. It appears to be a blatant attempt to hurt these local businesses by the organized bar & hospitality business. I've worked in the restaurant industry for over a decade in my younger years & have seen ups & downs.

This is just like wanting to ban the original series 'Roots', in the 70's because we saw almost no business because that was on TV at the time. These are LOCAL breweries which are very popular & deservedly so. Please don't restrict their activities or their growth of their business. It's a good business. I don't go out to these places much, though when I do I enjoy going there rather than a bar.

Thanks,

Robert Stiver

**From:** [Denise Allen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation happy bureaucrats!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 11:19:08 AM

---

Now that BP is leaving Alaska, the happy board of regulations want to drive even MORE business out of Alaska, eh?

Breweries and distilleries are already regulated to death. Free tours!? Unconscionable!

Keeping tastings to 36 ounces per person!? Horrors! They may become alcoholics!!

Try that stipulation on bars! Run them ALL out of business!

Just hang up Alaska's

CLOSED

Sign!

Stop and really think about what you are doing. You are not a prohibitionist board. You are supposed to be promoting businesses to proceed in a safe manner- not running them out!

Sincerely,

Denise Allen

A registered voter

**From:** [cabinfever@acsalaska.net](mailto:cabinfever@acsalaska.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: reg changes  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 11:25:52 AM

---

----- Original Message -----

Subject: reg changes  
Date: Sat, 31 Aug 2019 15:19:07 -0400  
From: [cabinfever@acsalaska.net](mailto:cabinfever@acsalaska.net)  
To: [regs@alaska.gov](mailto:regs@alaska.gov)

Folks,

Your proposed regulation changes are all wrong. You should be supporting breweries, especially when they are doing events that are good for our community relationships. Stop listening to bar owners complaints about competition. Most of the people would rather go to a function at a brewery with food and fun than sit and drink in a bar. The proposed regs are severe over reach that show no support for the public will, as well as preventing breweries from promoting healthy enjoyable community events.

Thank You,  
David M. Booth  
44755 Sterling Hwy #17, Soldotna, AK



**From:** [Kellie Okonek](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Brewery regulations  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 11:29:41 AM

---

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned Alaskan.

I believe that the growing brewery culture in our state is one of the best things going. I love to see people creating and succeeding with small business, and I think it helps to diversify our state economy. In my hometown of Girdwood, the Girdwood Brewing Company has become a center for community and really brings our town together. With food trucks and kombucha, it's friendly for pregnant women and children which gives the place a great atmosphere. The GBC has also hosted art shows, fundraisers, and community events that amplify the benefits that the business brings to our town.

I'm concerned that new regulations may hinder the positive impact that places like GBC have on our state and towns. If anything, I think restrictions should be lifted (hours extended, more functionality allowed)!!! Help these small businesses grow, amplify tourism benefits as our state differentiates itself with microbrews, and expand our economic diversification. I fear that it's some big liquor lobby behind this, which is not in the best interest of the people of Alaska.

Thanks,  
Kellie Okonek

**From:** [Molly Timm](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** ABCB Proposed Changes  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 11:51:30 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

In regards to the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code; I think it is appalling that this changes are being proposed. To limit the abilities for breweries and distilleries in Alaska to provide support for their communities in hosting fundraisers, competitions, performances, classes, highlighting local artists, not to mention host classes and the like. These establishments are a huge part of the local community. Personally they are mainly the only places I enjoy going socially; bars are usually dark, dingy and tend to accumulate people whom I prefer not to socialize with and I won't go there regardless of whether or not there are these new rules/regulations in place. Im concerned however, that these new regulations are going to severely hurt and harm the business of so many establishments that are a huge part of our community, therefor hurting us as a community. I am willing to fight for my neighbors and the wellbeing of the State of Alaska. I wish you would do the same, and protect our local businesses that support our local artists, musicians, and everyone

in our community.

Molly Timm

Fairbanks, Alaska

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [David Nichols](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Dave Nichols](#)  
**Subject:** AAC.304.380 policies and changes  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 11:55:16 AM

---

To whom ALL this may concern.

As a fairly new resident to the state of Alaska and former brewery owner and resident of CA, I am concerned and confused with the current and proposed outdated policies from the AMCO. On one hand, the local and state communities promote the craft beer culture and industry in many ways to include but not limited to, advertising with social media, festivals, restaurants, train rides, you name it, however, in reality, the small businesses and start up breweries are being handcuffed by ridiculous rules, policies and regulations. This has a huge trickle effect on down the line of the businesses and those that additionally support them. There are currently over 7000 breweries in the US and that number is growing each and every year.

This opportunity should be supported by all local chamber of commerces, all the way up to the state level. I feel ALL local start up breweries and businesses should be given the opportunity to succeed without the proposed restrictions and enforcement of, " live music, TV's, pool tables, chairs to sit down in etc." The typical start up brewery is a huge undertaking. It typically cost around a half million dollars to get up and running after purchasing all the required brewing equipment such as the brew system and fermentation tanks, cold box and glycol system, the facility buildout, building lease and on and on. It is likely you will then spend the next 5 years trying to keep your head above water paying for all that. If and When you finally do turn a profit, you will need to upgrade to a larger brew system so you can produce enough product to hopefully distribute and actually make a profit one day, all in the name of your passion which typically stated from being a home brewer.

I understand a beer manufacturing license and the intended use however, to succeed in this business you will need the support of the local communities, city and state. I believe it's common sense to most that if it becomes a widespread problem for the community if someone watches tv on a stool while having a craft beer and enjoys a song from a local musician then the governing body should step in and change the rules, however, I do not think that is happening, nor does anyone else. To be direct with my logic, you can walk down the street with a sidearm on your hip but look out if you want to enjoy yourself with glass of craft beer after work or otherwise. I ask on behalf of myself and countless other members of the growing brewing communities, that you relax these rules and to adopt a more friendly regulation. There are plenty of cities and states that offer a pro business policy that you can piggyback on.

San Diego and Vista Ca are two examples. The brewing communities will thank you for this!

Sincerely,

David Nichols

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [medic799.](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Rethink proposed rules  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 12:01:58 PM

---

Dear Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office,

Leave the rules as they are! Do not change them.

I believe the new proposal to change how breweries work would be a huge blow to the community and tourism and only benefit bars. I maybe go to a brewery once a month. I DO NOT go to bars. I dislike the drunken atmosphere and the lack of community. Many of the bars in Anchorage that locals use are eyesores, and there is no place of community. I loathe going to establishments that have people stumbling outside. There are no alcohol limits at bars(like breweries have in place) and drunkenness is subjectively assessed. Bars should be regulated before breweries.

Breweries in Alaska are a draw for tourism and for local creativity that includes First Friday events and tours. The restrictions of alcohol use on premises and TVs is sufficient. It would be a grave mistake if places of community lost their community and only worked as distributors of alcohol. First Fridays support the community by allowing artists to present their work in a different more intimate way like with coffee shops.

Tours of breweries are interesting and a draw for the community to learn about the science of fermentation and what goes into their beverages. They learn about brewing and celebrate the distinct differences in brewing styles. Wouldn't you want to know what goes into your beverage as a consumer? Brewery tours should not EVER be taken away for the simple reason that it allows people to know how their beverages are made.

When I travel throughout the state or to other states I find that going to a brewery allows me to meet similar people who are into the community. This is quite different than going to a bar. Going to a bar revolves around one thing--alcohol. I get that both institutions are selling alcohol for consumption, but the environments are quite different. A brewery is for connoisseurs of taste, while a bar is for those who wish to only have the effects of alcohol, dance, or watch sports. When I go to bars I see those who are "trolling for beers". I do not see that at a brewery. These differences are already outlined within the current rules.

In closing I want to make it clear to you: I will not be spending any money at any bars in Alaska. If you kill the brewery vibe that is here in Alaska I will have to only enjoy the brewery atmosphere in other states with less stringent laws. Please do not kill the local brewery for which communities look to as gathering places.

I encourage you to contact me at this address or by phone at 585-259-5975 if you have questions that I can assist you with.

Sincerely,

Michael Middleton

**From:** [Amanda Race](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to the AMCO REGS  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 12:04:43 PM

---

To AMCO- why do you continue to try and kill small businesses and baby sit the adults in this state? You need to abolish your draconian style rules and let small businesses grow and create jobs! I support small business, including small breweries & distilleries in this State.

Amanda Race,  
33+ year resident & tax payer

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Amber Jackson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed 3 AAC 304.390 Change  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 12:09:39 PM

---

To Whom it May Concern:

The proposed change to definition of “other recreation and gaming opportunities” for alcohol manufacturing licenses is detrimental to local small businesses trying to support the community they are in.

Recreation is defined as “refreshment by means of some pastime, agreeable exercise or the like.”

Gaming is defined as “the action or practice of playing gambling games.”

Defining recreation and gaming as any social gathering open to the public is expanding the limitation of breweries, distilleries and wineries beyond a reasonable degree and against the definition of both words.

If a business wants to raise money for a good cause, it should not be the job of ABC to prevent or limit such events. Additionally, prohibiting classes or lectures is again taking recreation and gaming and mutating it. Patrons come to manufactures to learn about the process to make alcohol and understand the products better. This is only available in the actual space where alcohol is produced and should not be controlled by ABC in anyway.

When we applied for our license, we were fully aware of the restrictions placed on breweries to limit our hours, and what can be done in the brewery. This change alters the intention of the statue beyond reason and dramatically restricts one of the industries that is growing and thriving in a state that is otherwise facing recession.

This change will crush so many small business that are trying to improve our state. To define the statement is fine, but to take the statement and twist it into something so much more strict than it has ever been interpreted is unnecessary.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,  
Amber Jackson  
Owner  
Onsite Brewing Company  
<https://www.onsitebrewing.com/>



**From:** [adventurer1300](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery limitations  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 12:14:36 PM

---

Please do NOT support a bill disallowing community and social events at breweries. Here, in Soldotna, we have a wonderful brewery called Kenai River, they do so many wonderful events to support cancer, Tsateshi Trails, firefighters, veterans, and the community. They are not our only brewery and they don't always have the best beer, but i go there because they are constantly making special batches of beer where the proceeds go to local nonprofit organizations and they support our local community. They support our community!!! I don't see bars doing that! I always prefer going to a brewery over a bar! I wouldn't start going to a bar if you limited breweries. They do not take business away from bars. Breweries serve the clientele who don't want to go to a bar or club.

Do NOT limit breweries!

Carrie Wawrzyk

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

**From:** [Eric Bork](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** NO!!! on 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 12:51:18 PM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of priveledges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example, having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV. It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners. Which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of enforcing regulations that actually benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. A state that is far behind other states in this regard does not need to recede further. Banning events like First Friday's and other community projects hurt our community as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another. Please, do not pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them.

Thank you for listening,

Eric Bork

**From:** [Michael Palmer](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Concerned Voter  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 12:51:57 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the new interpretation of statute 3 AAC 304.390 that would prohibit local breweries from hosting events such as festivals, presentations, or performances at their locations. Though the intent of this statute is to reinforce that these establishments are for retail purposes only, they are not the only retail locations to host such events. I find this highly prejudice to their specific type of goods. I understand the goods they sell are more regulated then other goods sold in Alaska, but if the establishment is following all laws around the regulations of their goods should they really be restricted from hosting events that in most cases support their local communities. Though you may deny it these types of interpretations are done in support of bars who have no such restrictions. These bars do not support local communities in the way breweries do and in most cases only enforce alcoholism and over consumption. Please heed the voice of most Alaskans and allow these types of events to continue.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns shared by many Alaskan voters,

Michael Palmer  
18748 Price Island Cir.  
Eagle River, AK, 99577  
907-433-9996

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [cathy connor](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Presentations and other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public"  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 1:35:03 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

Community cohesion is important to us in Juneau. Our local breweries and distillery have been reaching out to offer their spaces to non-profit orgs such as the Juneau Icefield Research Program, to share what work we have been doing with the public., especially on First Friday Art Nights when locals are gathering in downtown Juneau.

Having vibrant gathering locations that serve **locally made** products has been an important new addition to our town. Bars in general are not gathering places for such activities on these nights, mostly because it is not a high profit enterprise.

Please don't get so carried away with your regulations. The next generation of Alaskans need opportunities to thrive here or they will be forced to leave. We value the enterprising work of all young Alaskans.

Sincerely  
Cathy L. Connor

--

Professor of Geology, Emerita  
Environmental Science Program  
Department of Natural Sciences  
University Alaska Southeast  
(907) 364 3772---office  
[cathy.connor@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:cathy.connor@uas.alaska.edu)  
<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/pub/CLCONNOR>  
[http://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=sej1ri8AAAJ&pagesize=100&view\\_op=list\\_works](http://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=sej1ri8AAAJ&pagesize=100&view_op=list_works)

"For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed." - Kahlil Gibran

**From:** [Cole Tamblyn](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** "other recreational or gaming opportunities."  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 3:22:06 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.

As a 9 year Alaskan and some one who has worked in bars, restaurants, and more recently, breweries; I find these changes restrictive, backwards, and almost unlawful.

The most harmful part of the "rewording" is that it harms business owners. These men and women have put forth capital (in money and labor) and built business plans off of the current state of the law. It seems unlawful, and wildly irresponsible, to draw the line backwards and 100% harm the revenue they stand to make. It's shameful and you should be embarrassed for even proposing such changes.

Also, the fact that we live in such a backwards state that would limit a business from fundraising? Are you kidding me?

Lastly, we need to open up the restrictions. Breweries, Cideries, wineries, and distilleries (should they continue to grow) will start employing more and more people and they open up amazing places to gather as a community and have a safe place to recreate. BARS ARE NOT THE SAME THING. You should be ashamed for comparing them. The breweries and ciders we have will possibly close under these new restrictions. We want to make AK a friendly place for these businesses. Why are you stifling the free market?

How corrupt do you all have to be to let CHARR and the bar owners push legislation like this.

Shameful.

Cole Tamblyn  
Anchorage, AK  
Beer lover

**From:** [Jocelyn Andrea](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** First amendment rights  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 5:37:51 PM

---

Hello,

It has recently come to my attention the proposed changes to the legislation that effects the ability to gather in an organized fashion in places such as breweries. I absolutely oppose this and believe that business owners should be allowed to organize events and conduct business as they so please on their own premises. The new legislations proposed frankly sets us back into the ages of prohibition. I intend to email you my opinions every day until October 3rd. I hope you enjoy them.

Thanks,

Jocelyn Andrea

**From:** [ktj.kjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:ktj.kjohnson@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Regulations  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 5:48:07 PM

---

Hello,

As a newly founded Alaskan resident in Juneau, Alaska I have found our breweries and distilleries to be a place of community. Art events and weekly specials at these places bring people together in the summertime, when it's hard to find time to convene, and winter time, when it's hard to find motivation to leave the house in cold Alaskan winters. The proposed regulations barring these kinds of events not only oppose our right to free speech, but also negatively impact our community which is so important in our isolated state. Furthermore, these regulations do not help our already economically challenged local businesses, something our governor claims to promote. I urge to consider dropping these regulations to continue to allow small Alaskan communities to thrive.

Thank you,  
Kayla Johnson  
Juneau, AK

**From:** [Jennifer Sonne](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose the regulation package on breweries  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 6:27:16 PM

---

Hello!

I very much disagree with the change to existing law that says that breweries are banned from hosting events such as first Friday's. I am an artist and many of my first Friday events are partnered with breweries. Bars are not places for artwork as they are typically places where people are over-served and are not there for artwork and could not be trusted to keep from ruining pieces. Disallowing artists from displaying in breweries and kicking off their exhibits with first Friday hurts artists and small business breweries. This directly negatively affects artists, who are already struggling to make sales in a world where the internet and cheap "art" is king. These proposed regs interrupt our economy by favoring one lobby (bars) over other businesses and by squashing anyone else in the meantime (artists!).

Bars are gross! They have to do every sleazy thing to retain customers. Don't let this be one of those things!

Much love and respect,

Jennifer



**From:** [Daniel Oberlatz](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation changes in 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 7:12:07 PM

---

Greetings,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed language changes to the 3 AAC 304.390. My primary concern is that the language change will create unnecessary harm to small businesses in Alaska, and effectively eliminate opportunities related to tourism and Alaska's rapidly growing craft beer & spirit industry.

Taprooms and tasting rooms actually help build community across Alaska, and provide family friendly gathering places, where people meet, eat, and celebrate. Furthermore, these places offer visitors from around the world the opportunity to taste locally crafted products and learn about the manufacturing processes behind them. In other words, the craft beer and spirits industry is a vital component to Alaska's economy. Now, more so than ever, we should be encouraging business growth, rather than creating a climate that discourages it. It's time for Alaska to move past prohibitionist-era laws, and follow the demands of the market.

If anything, the statute should be expanded to INCLUDE recreational opportunities in taprooms and breweries across Alaska, and in that spirit I urge you to reconsider your plans to change the language.

Sincerely, Dan

**Dan Oberlatz** | **Alaska Alpine Adventures**

Owner-Guide

Tel: 1-877-525-2577 | Cell: 907-301-9997

"Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth" 2008 & 2009 - *National Geographic Adventure Magazine*

"50 Tours of a Lifetime" 2010 - *National Geographic Traveler Magazine*

**From:** [Sana Donofry](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Open comment  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 9:38:50 PM

---

I recently heard about the proposed regulations about festivals and parties involving certain establishments that serve alcohol. I oppose the new verbiage and regulation. I enjoy my current freedom to celebrate festivals and do fundraisers at hoodoo and similar establishments.

Sana Donofry

**From:** [Beau Sylte](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Try harder  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 9:53:12 PM

---

If your rules or laws don't allow breweries etc to host community events, you should be doing everything in your power to change your rules or laws.

**From:** [Joleigh Rainwater](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Events at breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 10:24:26 PM

---

I applaud the revision. It isn't fair to bars and restaurants to adhere to regulations when a brewery can host all the "events" they can handle. At the same time, they line their parking lots with food trucks and essentially turn themselves into bars and restaurants. They have to decide which end of the industry they want to be- not milk it from both ends. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**From:** [Susan Sinclair](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 definitions  
**Date:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 11:09:02 PM

---

To Whom it May Concern:

Please allow breweries to host “other recreational or gaming events” **that are held for the benefit of non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations.**

Specifically, I am writing on behalf of the Girdwood Center for Visual Arts, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, to voice my **opposition** to the regulation changes of 3 AAC 304.390 as proposed to define “other recreational or gaming opportunities” at breweries.

Our local brewery, Girdwood Brewing Company, has become an invaluable supporter of our non-profit. They fill a niche of providing a space to gather at no cost, that no other business can or is willing to do. This space is critical to profitable fundraising for our non-profit organization. Rental fees are often so costly as to be prohibitive to any financial gains made from a fundraiser.

There is no justification that these events at breweries are in competition with bars and restaurants. The breweries host events at no cost to the beneficiary group and with no food or drink minimum purchases. Bars and restaurants do not offer event space at no charge or minimum purchase. Therefore how can these types of events at a brewery be in competition with bars and restaurants when the bars and restaurants are not offering or donating this community service?

In this time of dwindling state financial resources and large corporate donors leaving our state, it is more imperative than ever that our small businesses are given every opportunity to support each other and their community. Whether it is hosting individual artists, non-profit fundraisers or families in need, these breweries are stepping in to fill needs in their communities that would otherwise go unfilled.

The loss of the ability for Girdwood Brewing Co. to host our annual fundraiser would be a considerable financial hardship for our non-profit. Please reconsider the proposed changes and let the brewery be good stewards for the Girdwood community. Please allow the Girdwood Brewing Company to continue to benefit and support non-profits, community groups and those in need.

Sincerely,

Susan Sinclair  
Artist and Boardmember  
Girdwood Center for Visual Arts  
(907) 748-1171

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Shelly Lawson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery restrictions  
**Date:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 8:08:00 AM

---

Hello!

My community is deeply concerned with the proposed further limitations being placed on breweries. Breweries already have many limitations on types of events, seating and amount of alcohol that can be provided. These proposed further restrictions seem like an attack that I assume must come from concerns of other businesses that want to damage the success of breweries in their community for their own potential financial gain. I see no other “benefit”.

The current regulations are sufficient and limiting enough. Please don’t unnecessarily make a brewery a place devoid of community and human interaction. For what legal purpose is this being considered?

Please carefully consider why this is being proposed and the impact it will have - on small communities especially. If some breweries are crossing the line and not following the current regulations than deal with those matters. I just see no purpose for this debilitating change.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Confused and worried in Kodiak.  
Shelly Lawson

**From:** [John Harley](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 9:03:07 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

This comment is in strong opposition to the proposed change to the definition of recreation activities by the alcoholic beverage control board.

The change in language to include things as beneficial and community focused as "classes" or as vague and hand wavy as "other types of organized social gatherings" is a huge mistake and will negatively impact small businesses and communities.

Small breweries and distilleries are a huge boon to communities in Alaska. They provide a great environment to drink delicious beer and spirits. Most of them are active in their community, supporting arts, recreation, and welfare. At every turn the state and alcohol control board has attempted to stymie and crush these small businesses by imposing draconian regulations.

It should not be this way. It is not this way in any other state in the country. Please allow these business to keep supporting art shows and community events. They are nothing but positive institutions in our communities.

Thank you for reading.  
John Harley  
Douglas, AK

--

John Harley  
Postdoctoral Researcher  
Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center  
University of Alaska Southeast



**From:** [karenleepeterson@outlook.com](mailto:karenleepeterson@outlook.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Regulations Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 9:17:13 AM

---

3 AAC 304.390 is grossly unfair to small Alaska businesses. We have encouraged Alaskans to diversify and the brewery and distillery business is one that is growing both among local patrons and visitors. Please do not inhibit these businesses from expanding and offering opportunities to their customers.

Karen Peterson

**From:** [Eric Trevithick](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Restrictions  
**Date:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 10:24:27 AM

---

This email is intended to express my opposition to recent plans to continue limiting what Breweries are allowed to do retail wise. There is a very large number of us that prefer to socialize at these establishments as opposed to traditional bars. It is appalling to me that these actions are being taken without any reason other than perhaps schilling to powerful bar owners. Most will not take the time to express concern over this planned action but I can confirm many are against this and concerned with motives behind it. Even tho I support the rights of bars, no one can convince me that our communities are better with them than Breweries. Please stop your assault on Breweries!

Eric Trevithick

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [cricket m. keedy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Regulation on Distillery and Brewery  
**Date:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 11:15:01 AM

---

Cricket Keedy  
Juneau AK

I am opposed to this new regulation would ban distilleries and other manufacturers from hosting events. It is obvious that you are being lobbied by bar owners to hurt these growing businesses. I also find it interesting that as these businesses grow in popularity, that all of the sudden and out of the blue the board chooses to craft new language on rule that "aims to better reflect the legislative intent that brewery and distillery licenses are for manufacturers not retailers."

**From:** [Alex France](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** In opposition of AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 11:29:48 AM

---

In regards to AAC 304.390:

Prohibiting breweries from holding public events is detrimental to our community.

These local businesses do so much for our communities—hosting events, giving tours, providing venues for nonprofits—and this regulation will make that impossible for them. Hurting not only their business but the nonprofits as well.

This bill is a bias attempt to favor the bar industry and eliminate perceived competition. However, healthy competition only benefits our community and economy.

Do not pass this regulation!

Alex France

**From:** [Abbie Bonney](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: AAC 304.390 proposed regulation regarding events at breweries, winery, and distilleries.  
**Date:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 11:58:10 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

I find it pathetic that a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries is even being considered by the board. There is a very strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces as they are in our communities and support local organizations.

If the bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business, perhaps instead of looking to lobbying the government to pick them as economic winners and their competitors as losers, they should instead try to make themselves more attractive places that people actually want to patronize.

Please do not pass this proposed regulation.

Thank you,  
Abbie Bonney

Sent from my mobile device

**From:** [Todd Syverson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC304.390  
**Date:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 5:50:06 PM

---

To: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

I find it hard to believe that the ABC Board is once again attempting to discriminate against breweries within our state. These Breweries/New businesses have created jobs, have provided communities/families with new inviting venues and are bringing in new tax revenue to our cities and boroughs. Please allow them to work with their community groups on various community functions. You really need to visit our Wednesday night @ the Park in Soldotna to witness for yourself what a great function this has become for our community for both locals as well as our visitors from the lower 48. If anything you need to loosen the regulations and allow them to grow and further develop.

Please use some common sense and stop putting up road blocks for these new businesses. They have provided many communities in Alaska with new and inviting places to meet and socialize both during our busy summers and long Alaskan Winters.

Thank you.

Todd Syverson  
254 W Katmai Ave  
Soldotna, AK 99669  
907-398-6312

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jeremy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment  
**Date:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 9:27:52 PM

---

I am writing about the upcoming proposed further restrictions on breweries. I can't understand why this board continues to restrict the rights of breweries and therefore their customers. Some friends and I recently brought a deck of cards to a local brewery. We were told by the server that this was not allowed due to restrictions on them. For some reason, we can't enjoy a game of cards in a business that would otherwise welcome it.

In a state that supports individuality and a Governor that is open for business, it is beyond me why you continue to restrict the free market. If other businesses are so threatened that they have to resort to legislation and government rules to survive, perhaps they need to change their business model.

As for me, I'd like to have the personal freedom to play a game of cards, and support businesses as I see fit. Respectfully, stop getting in the way.

Jeremy

**From:** [David Mccasland](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 10:30:47 PM

---

I want to say I don't support the proposed regulation to hinder brewery's and distilleries I own two beer and wine licenses and I have no problem with the business down the street having an event. I sell beer from Devil's club brewery, and am hoping someday the distillery will have cider for me to sell. I can have an event too if I wanted? Why should events be limited?

David

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Amy Johnson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO proposal  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 8:29:10 AM

---

I disagree with the AMCO proposal limiting social events at local breweries. I am in Kodiak AK, our local brewery serves as a place for folks to gather, socialize, celebrate, share common interests, express themselves with art and is a great tourist attraction.

It is a healthy alternative to going to the bars and draws a completely different and, in my opinion, healthier crowd. Having a social event at a brewery, like a painting class, while you enjoy one or two beers is a great way to spend a rainy Sunday.

There are never any fights to worry about. People aren't pissing themselves or throwing up on your shoes. Or people getting trashed and driving the streets. Because there is a limit of two alcoholic beverages per person.

The fact that this has been brought up as an issue is petty. Breweries aren't taking business away from local bars. They don't host live bands or competitions, bars do. They aren't competing with bars.

Small-town Alaska is already quite limited when it comes to things to do socially, especially during the winter and spring. You will not be punishing just the breweries you will be punishing community members as well.

Please reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Amy Johnson  
Kodiak Alaska

**From:** [Starr Parmley](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 9:08:43 AM

---

Good Morning,

I strongly oppose the new definitions for project/regulation #201900678 as they are restrictive to Alaska being Open for Business and are needless red tape. The state of the market nationwide is moving away from traditional establishments. Smaller boutique style tasting rooms and breweries are crucial to bring in young professionals and more opportunities for tourists as well. Alcohol licensing in Alaska is already in need of reform and public outcry and legislative action resulting from your last controversial decision should give you pause. Do not act on new definitions of gaming - none are needed. Do not add more regulation when none is needed, do not restrict our rights to freedom of assembly. This is not your right as a board. You are in place to serve us and represent us. If this is the stance you vote to take as a board I will immediately lobby for your replacement. I expect AMCO to limit action to what is absolutely necessary and directly relating to its mandate of protecting public safety. This action is influenced by what seems like personal and political agenda and will require further investigation should it become regulation. Specifically, scrutiny of potential benefit of those individuals voting for this measure on public record to include fringe benefits such as travel, per diem, etc.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
Starr Parmley  
1507 1st St  
Douglas, AK

--

## Details

|                       |                                              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Department:           | Commerce, Community and Economic Development |
| Category:             | Regulations                                  |
| Sub-Category:         | Notice of Proposed Regulations               |
| Location(s):          | Statewide                                    |
| Project/Regulation #: | 2019200678                                   |
| Publish Date:         | 8/26/2019                                    |
| Archive Date:         | 10/5/2019                                    |

**From:** [Paul C Friel](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery regulations  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 9:22:04 AM

---

Do not add anymore restrictions on breweries.

**From:** [imel@gci.net](mailto:imel@gci.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillery, Brewery, Saloon, Tavern, Cabaret, Reastaurant, Bar  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 9:34:35 AM

---

No one seems to be asking me but I am in favor of Breweries and Distilleries continued ability to mix coxktails and hold civic functions. Ironically I began visiting bars again, including the Narrows in Juneau after visiting Amalga Distillery. I enjoy the variety of experiences offered and worry that the lack of data and methodology are driving a 'guess what's in my mind' policy. Or possibly a protection of special interests at the expense of the public. My family history includes the ownership of; Timber Tavern, Tom's Tavern, and Tulagis in Boulder Colorado, as well as Wano Beer Distributers in Lafayette, Colorado. My Grandfather owned all three Bars and my dad grew up pouring beer. My dad and his brother continued to as wholesalers for more than 50 years. I delivered beer for the family business during summers. What can I say?, like the most recent Supreme Court Justice, we like beer. As independent buisness people the family has always bristled at regulation designed to benefit a small group of lobbied interests over the public good. Without metrics or data the decision to limit tasting rooms to tasting, seems premature, at best and an unecesary protectionist restraint of trade. Are my 2 drinks at the Distillery money out of the Narrows pocket? Maybe, but where is the data? Personally, my two drinks at the distillery expanded my drinking to the Narrows, I don't see how that would have happened. But I'm just one drinker, oh wait, my wife feels the same way, oh and all of my colleagues at work, hmm? I have a soft spot for the Narrows owner as a former student of mine and want success...remembering my own family history. But I believe the result of these policies shrink the number of drinkers and diminsh our experiences in downtown.

-regards

Ray Imel

**From:** [Julie McBrien](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO Changes to Brewery Licenses  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 10:30:23 AM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office's (AMCO) director has proposed new language to the brewery licenses. Obviously, I STRONGLY oppose these changes. Preventing "presentations" and "social gatherings" is an attack on our first amendment rights to free speech and peaceful assembly. Practically, this would mean an end to First Friday art shows, Pizza Nite, hosting fundraisers for non-profits and possibly even advertising new beers, for fear of causing a social gathering. It is an egregious attack on all alcohol manufacturers in Alaska, wineries and distilleries included.

Devil's Club, Barnaby Brewing, and Amalga Distillery are great supporters of their neighbors; hosting fundraisers, campaigns, supporting artists through providing exhibit space, and just generally going above and beyond for the community through their entrepreneurship.

I would like to voice my opposition to the restrictive regulations AMCO is proposing.

Sincerely

Julie McBrien  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [Ken & Meagan Christiansen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alaska Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 10:35:21 AM

---

Please do not further restrict the activities allowed at Alaska Breweries and Distilleries, we greatly appreciate the activities and environment offered at our local brewery. We also visit local bars and restaurants and do not understand the need for the requested change as they are different types of businesses. Finally, isn't our country built upon free enterprise and competition?

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ken and Meagan Christiansen

**From:** [Reid McDonald](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed recreation and gaming language  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 11:10:51 AM

---

I am writing in support of small business in general and our local breweries. Why in the world would are you continuously attacking our local breweries? I'm a sense trying to further squash the brewery tap rooms? Our local breweries are outstanding community oriented businesses who do a hell of a lot of good in our communities. Your proposed statute is archaic and laughable. Ultimately the laws need to change to reflect the times we live in. Brewery tap rooms live in harmony with bars and restaurants in most other states across this great country of ours. Here in Alaska we have life long bureaucrats like you ruining our small business. Brewery tap rooms add to quality of life in the communities they serve and are becoming an important part of economic growth particularly in tourism. Look around our state, not too many thriving industries left, so of course makes total sense to go after one of the healthy Industries.

Ultimately your comical language will not hurt the breweries as much as all the non profits, youth sports programs and other LOCAL organizations that use our tap rooms to create awareness and fundraising for their programs. In the big picture our "good old boy" state laws will need to change. I love that we also have dirty politics at work where state representatives are supporting legislation that protects their own bar and restaurant investments. Clearly a conflict of interest. You need to pull your head out of your ass and do what's is best for the people of the State of Alaska! Keep pushing limits on our breweries and I bet money some will decide just to pack up and leave our state and find another state that actually has laws and regulations that make sense to run a small business. Laws and regulations that don't constrict small business.

Sincerely,  
Reid McDonald

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Judy Crondahl](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Changes to Regulations Concerning Breweries, Wineries, and Distillaries  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 11:16:19 AM

---

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes in regulations concerning community events hosted by alcohol manufacturers. I am opposed for two reasons.

- 1) These are almost all small start-up businesses. They are creating a new industry in Alaska, keeping more money in the state and should be encouraged.
- 2) The activities being prohibited by these regulations are community-building events, supporting local artists, non-profit organizations, and locally made products. Activities bringing people together for positive reasons should never be prohibited or discouraged.

Please dismiss these proposed changes and encourage small businesses to be successful.

Judy Crondahl  
Juneau



**From:** [Jason baldwin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Out of touch regulations.  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 11:19:09 AM

---

It seems selfish and greedy to stifle hubs of communities to sort your own interests or or misinformed perspectives. The institutions you are trying to control and subsequently the people, contains many of the positive members of society that will help people when they most need it. To go against breweries like this with the regulations that are proposed is simply to be an impediment towards community growth and good relations. I don't mean to make a personal attack against the people who are making these propositions, but simply stating facts. If individual institutions do not benefit the community of course they should be shuttered, but on the whole these small business owners and the people who frequent them are active members who are trying to develop a more positive lifestyle for each community of they live in.

I plead with you to dismiss these proposed regulations and continue to encourage breweries and other small business owners in our communities.

Jason Baldwin

**From:** [Pete Lyford](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restrictions on Breweries  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 11:29:50 AM

---

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you today to voice my concerns over the new legislation that has been proposed. This would be very detrimental to local communities. Many positive and helpful events take place at local breweries. I am a board member of the local Trout Unlimited Chapter and we hold many educational events and presentations at breweries in the Mat-Su Valley and in Anchorage. These events are for members and non members and educate them on fish conservation, techniques, fly tying, and more. Breweries also support local artists by letting them display their art. Breweries also support many small business owners by allowing food trucks in their parking lots.

This legislation would be extremely harmful and I as a concerned citizen I ask you to not let this happen.

Regards,

Peter Lyford

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michael Hekkers](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** loosen the regulations on breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 11:48:55 AM

---

Let them compete with bars head-to-head. Let them serve food, have public events, allow games, concerts, live music etc. Anything else is terribly draconian. If they need to limit the beverages they serve to all homemade, so be it. But allow everything else.

I live 1 block from a distillery and brewery here in Juneau. I prefer them to regular bars. I've been at fundraising events at both. They should be able to continue these events and have games, live music etc.

Mike Hekkers

Juneau

**From:** [Lauren Hopson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery and Distillery Restrictions  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 12:09:08 PM

---

Hello, my name is Lauren Hopson and I am a young medical professional living in Juneau. Because I grew up in Juneau and now also practice pediatric healthcare in this small town, it is hard to go anywhere without seeing my patients and their families. As a member of a small practice, I understand that I am always representing my workplace when I am out in public and I am held to an especially high standard because I work with children. For this reason, I have spent more time at the Amalga Distillery and the Devils Club Brewery over the past few years than I have at any of the local bars. People sometimes bring their babies and young kids with them to the distillery or brewery because they are viewed as public gathering spaces rather than spaces only intended for consuming alcohol. I feel more comfortable enjoying time with my friends and family in these spaces than I do in a local bar because frankly, it feels more socially acceptable. Some have said that it is elitist to say that drinking in a brewery or a distillery is more socially acceptable. But ultimately, I am continuously being judged on my public behavior and no small business can survive in a small town if you only serve people who think and behave like you. So I try to behave in public in a way that doesn't alienate others.

In the past three years, I have enjoyed wedding parties, First Friday art walks, hearing Sandor Katz speak, and many birthday and holiday celebrations. I think the board is making a mistake by trying to limit the breweries and distilleries' ability to host events and gatherings. Most of the reasonable arguments I have heard are not opposed to them holding events, but rather seem to feel that the bars need some sort of compensation so they do not feel out competed by the breweries and distilleries. Instead of stifling a small business by adding regulations that reduce business, I would suggest that if any regulations change then it should be focused on giving the bar owners an advantage since they apparently feel that they cannot compete on the same level. I won't pretend to understand the details of liquor licenses, but it seems to me that the exorbitant price of these is the root of the problem. I suggest that the board make changes to regulations there in order to increase business in Alaska, not reduce opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lauren Hopson

**From:** [Melanie Hadaway](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on proposed regulation  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 12:24:17 PM

---

Please consider this comment as opposed to your proposed regulations for the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, that further restrict "other recreational or gaming opportunities" by including *(1) festivals; (2) games and competitions; (3) classes; (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests; (5) presentations or performances; (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.*

As a resident of Fairbanks, various distilleries provide art venues, locations for classes and have provided tours for such events as a statewide education conference. There is no public benefit to the proposed redefinition (I don't think its actually a clarification) and in fact, does public harm by limiting options for communities to engage in public spaces in a variety of ways.

Other than negative feedback from traditional bar owners, I have yet to find a compelling reason for a change. And honestly, the bars in Fairbanks aren't in competition with local distilleries or tasting rooms. They appeal to different patrons, with different goals and looking for different experiences. Restricting tasting rooms in distilleries isn't going to send business to bars; it simply hurts local manufacturers. I'm not going to take my art display to a local bar, nor am I going to hold a class in one.

My hope is that your decisions will be based on the good of a community -and our state - as a whole, and not specialized interests. In Fairbanks, the distilleries and breweries are tourists draws, and restricting their options hurts us all in what are already trying economic times.

Thank you.  
Melanie Hadaway  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**From:** [John Weetman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 12:24:32 PM

---

Dear Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

I adamantly disagree to the below proposed interpretation of what entertainment is and any further restrictions to taprooms. To prevent taprooms from assisting our non-profit partners that help build and support our communities from hosting beer dinners and organizing beer release events would be a large step backwards. The Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office is under the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. Creating more restrictions to taprooms does not encourage additional commerce in our state; does not foster strong community relations in our state; and does not promote further economic development in our state. In the future, please remember to represent and support, rather than restrict taprooms in Alaska.

Respectfully,

John Weetman  
Kenai River Brewing Co.

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

**From:** [Genevieve McLaughlin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to regulate breweries/ distillery  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 1:02:14 PM

---

I am writing in support of our local breweries and distilleries. I would like them to be able to host events, free speech, art shows fundraisers and such. I believe this adds to our local culture and supports our community rather than inhibiting. I am a bartender at a local bar and still support them.

Thank you  
Genevieve McLaughlin  
9632 stikine  
Juneau Ak 99801

--

Genevieve McLaughlin

**From:** [Blake Galvin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 1:08:31 PM

---

My name is Blake Galvin and I live in Anchorage. Times change and we need an update to the Alaska Administrative code regarding distilleries and breweries. I want options as an Alaskan and I enjoy attending functions and events at distilleries and breweries. If these business could no longer host fundraisers, first Friday art, outdoor safety presentations, etc it would negatively affect myself and our community. I have many friends and family who enjoy having a cocktail at a distillery or a beer at a brewery along with fun events that are unique and different from the bar experience. In my observations patrons in distilleries and breweries are drinking in moderation/responsibly and are under control as opposed to bars. Please update these outdated codes to reflect the changing wants and desires of how Alaskan choose to spend their free time and ultimately how they enjoy consuming an alcoholic beverage. Please email me with any further questions or comments.

Blake Galvin



**From:** [Calvin Humphrey](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment on rec and gaming ops  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 2:52:07 PM

---

I do not agree with this change in recreational and gaming opportunities at breweries. This looks like an obvious attempt to monopolize a market and keep competition out should be illegal. Please rethink this. If it applies to brewery tap rooms, it should apply to bars and visa versa. Go to any taproom outside of Alaska and you will see a major difference. This new change is not only unfair but will ultimately harm the already rather fragile economy of Alaska.

Cal Humphrey  
Concerned citizen

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Donald Boyle](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 6:15:25 PM

---

The recent proposed restriction that would affect brewery tasting rooms seems to be contrary to safe and responsible consumption of alcohol. Brewery tasting rooms allow for a very limited consumption of brews and close at 8:00 PM this promoting a more responsible atmosphere to drinkers.. I am very opposed to the proposed additional restrictions on brewery's. Thank you.

Don Boyle  
Trapper Creek AK.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Aldona Kouremetis](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery restriction opposition comments  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 7:06:00 PM

---

I oppose the proposed Brewery restrictions. Our Kodiak brewery is a wonderful gathering place to meet after work as a social center. Our brewery is more like visiting a friend's livingroom. I don't go to bars but appreciate the Brewery.  
Aldona Kouremetis

*LAW OFFICES OF*  
**NIELSEN, BROMAN & KOCH, P.L.L.C.**

OF COUNSEL

BRECK C. TOSTEVIN†

K. CAROLYN RAMAMURTI††

THE DENNY BUILDING

2200 SIXTH AVENUE, SUITE 1250

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98121

*Telephone (206) 623-2373 Facsimile (206) 260-7036*

[www.NWATTORNEY.NET](http://www.NWATTORNEY.NET)

† ADMITTED IN WASHINGTON STATE & ALASKA

†† ADMITTED IN WASHINGTON STATE

---

September 1, 2019

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

Re: Notice of Proposed Changes On Definitions of Recreational or Gaming  
Opportunities in The Regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control  
Board; Project #2019200673

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am providing these comments on your proposed regulation concerning Brewery, Winery, and Distillery Tasting Rooms. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in Alaska and Washington State. I am a resident of Seattle, Washington. I own property in Talkeetna, Alaska and I travel to Alaska regularly to enjoy Alaska's fine craft beer, mead, cider and distilled spirits in the tasting rooms of these establishments.

Tourist visits to these Alaska businesses is an important part of the tourism economy in many of Alaska's communities. Alaska has a reputation for excellence throughout the nation and the world as reflected by Alaska beer sales on Tavour and Alaska breweries' ratings on online forums such as Untapped, Beer Advocate, and member surveys of the American Homebrewers Association. As a National Beer Judge with the Beer Judge Certification Program, I agree that Alaska's breweries, meaderies and cider works are deserving of this national recognition.

Prior to moving to Seattle, I was a resident of Alaska for nearly thirty years and have seen the growth of the craft beer, wine and distilled spirit businesses in Alaska. I am familiar with the history of the laws and regulations governing these entities. I have been a part of the brewing community as a former President and past board member of the Great Northern Brewers, a non-profit organization of homebrewers in the Anchorage area. I

also served as an assistant attorney general in the Alaska Department of Law for some 28 years and have reviewed and advised on many pieces of legislation and regulations.

With this background, I can clearly state that the proposed regulation makes little sense as a matter of policy – either as a regulatory or economic matter – but more fundamentally, that the proposed regulation has substantial legal problems. As I explain below in more detail, the proposed regulation is inconsistent with statute, unconstitutionally vague and ambiguous and, as written, violates the Alaska Constitution’s protections for freedom of expression and association. I ask that you withdraw the proposed regulation.

- I. The Proposed Regulation Violates AS 44.62.060 because it is Inconsistent with AS 04.11.130(e)(1), AS 04.11.170(e)(1) and 3 AAC 304.380 Under the Cannon of Interpretation Known as *Ejusdem Generis*: When a general term follows specific terms, the general term “will be interpreted in light of the characteristics of the specific terms, absent clear indication to the contrary.”

The Alaska Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) establishes the procedures for adoption of agency regulations. AS 44.62.030 provides that an agency regulation must be “consistent with the statute and reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose of the statute.” *See also* AS 04.06.100. AS 44.62.060 governing the preparation and filing of regulations provides that

(b) In the performance of duties under AS 44.62.125, the Department of Law shall advise the agencies on legal matters relevant to the adoption of regulations and may advise the agencies on the need for and the policy involved in particular regulations. In addition, the department shall prepare a written statement of approval or disapproval after each regulation has been reviewed in order to determine

(1) its legality, constitutionality, and consistency with other regulations;

(2) the existence of statutory authority and the correctness of the required citation of statutory authority following each section;

(3) its clarity, simplicity of expression, and absence of possibility of misapplication;

(4) compliance with the drafting manual for administrative regulations.

3 AAC 304.390 is a proposed definition of a general term in AS 04.11.130(e)(1), AS 04.11.170(e)(1), and 3 AAC 304.380 which prohibits “other recreational or gaming opportunities” in a brewery, distillery, or winery tasting room. The tasting room may sell samples of its product if it

does not allow live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities on the premises where the consumption occurs.

(emphasis added). As the Alaska Supreme Court has explained:

Under the interpretive canon *ejusdem generis*, when a general term follows specific terms, the general term “will be interpreted in light of the characteristics of the specific terms, absent clear indication to the contrary.” *City of Kenai v. Friends of Recreation Ctr., Inc.*, 129 P.3d 452, 459 (Alaska 2006) (*quoting West v. Umialik Ins. Co.*, 8 P.3d 1135, 1141 (Alaska 2000)); *ejusdem generis*, BLACK’S LAW DICTIONARY (10th ed. 2014) (“A canon of construction holding that when a general word or phrase follows a list of specifics, the general word or phrase will be interpreted to include only items of the same class as those listed.”).

*State v. Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest*, 436 P.3d 984, 995-96 (Alaska 2019).

Consequently, the term “other recreational or gaming opportunities” in AS 04.11.130(e)(1) and .170(e)(1) must be interpreted to have the characteristics of the specific terms “live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, [and] game tables.”

The specific terms of the statutes prohibit games, televisions, and dancing at tasting rooms. “Live entertainment” is not defined in statute but the plain meaning of the term is limited to things like live music or entertainment by performers. *See* Miriam Webster “Definition of entertainment, 1a : amusement or diversion

provided especially by performers // hired a band to provide entertainment; b: something diverting or engaging: such as (1) : a public performance.”

The proposed regulation would expand the prohibitions contained in statute far beyond games and live entertainment by performers to “festivals,” “classes,” “parties,” “presentations,” and “other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.” These proposed prohibitions do not have the characteristics of games or live music or entertainment by performers. Consequently, the proposed definition is inconsistent with statute and violates AS 44.62.030 and .060. It must be withdrawn.

There is no indication that the Alaska Legislature intended to prohibit the recreational activities that are inherently part of a tasting room: social gathering and education focused on the sampling of the product made by the brewery, winery or distillery. The legislative history of the prohibitions on tasting rooms indicates that traditional bar owners did not want unfair competition from tasting rooms. The bar owners did not want tasting rooms to have dancing, live performers, bands, pool tables, video games, bar games, and televisions. In addition, the statutes put limits on hours of operation and the amount of product that could be served at a tasting room. There is no Legislative intent that brewers could not make presentations at their tasting rooms, or host social events to promote their product. These are legitimate functions of a tasting room.

To adopt the new limitations proposed in 3 AAC 305.390 would destroy the division of the roles of bars and tasting rooms set up by the Legislature. Alaska would be best served by allowing bars and tasting rooms to flourish in their delineated roles. The proposed regulation attempts to prevent tasting rooms from functioning as they were intended: to allow breweries, wineries and distilleries to educate the public about their product and to allow tasting and limited sales at their establishments. Presentations about the product, classes educating people about the product, or social gatherings to promote the product are all within the legitimate role of tasting rooms throughout the country. The proposed regulation is both misguided and illegal under Alaska law.

## II. The Terms Proposed in 3 AAC 304.390(a)(1)-(6) Are Unconstitutionally Vague and Ambiguous.

The proposed regulation does not define the terms festivals, classes, parties, presentations or organized social gatherings. These terms are hopelessly broad and

vague. Like the term “pollution” in *Stock v. State*, 526 P.2d 3, 7-12 (Alaska 1974), these terms -- without further definition -- do not give a tasting room adequate warning as to what is prohibited. Consequently, they violate AS 44.62.030, .060, and the due process provisions of the Alaska Constitution.

A festival could include advertising a Fresh Hop Festival to be held at a tasting room where the brewery's new fresh hop beers could be sampled. That is a completely legitimate role of a tasting room. A festival that involved live entertainment like jugglers or involved sampling other establishment's product is already prohibited by law. Adding festival to regulation does not serve a legitimate purpose.

Holding a competition in which people sample and vote on an establishment's product in the tasting room is also a legitimate promotional event in a tasting room. A beer, mead, cider, or distilled spirit tasting class that involves sampling the establishment's product is a legitimate function of a tasting room. Presentations by brewers about how their product is made and tours of an establishment are recognized throughout the country as normal activities of a tasting room. “Release parties” are normal activities at a tasting room when a brewery, winery or distillery advertises the release of a special new product for sampling.

Because the regulation does not define its very broad terms, which include legitimate activities or potentially some that are not, the regulation is vague and ambiguous in violation of AS 44.62.060 and could lead to potentially discriminatory enforcement in violation of the Alaska Constitution's due process clause.

### III. The Prohibitions on Presentations, Classes and the Like Violates the Establishment's Commercial Speech Rights Under the Alaska Constitution.

The Alaska Supreme Court has recognized that businesses have rights to free speech under the Alaska Constitution. *Holding v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 63 P.3d 248, 251-52 (Alaska 2003). The Court applied the test first articulated in *Central Hudson v. Public Service Commission*, 447 U.S. 557, 564, 100 S.Ct. 2343, 65 L.Ed.2d 341 (1980), and reiterated in *Bolger v. Youngs Drug Products Corp.*, 463 U.S. 60, 68, 103 S.Ct. 2875, 77 L.Ed.2d 469 (1983):

First, we determine whether the expression is constitutionally protected. For commercial speech to receive such protection, it at



least must concern lawful activity and not be misleading. Second, we ask whether the governmental interest is substantial. If so, we must then determine whether the regulation directly advances the governmental interest asserted, and whether it is not more extensive than necessary to serve that interest. *AIRPAC*, 685 P.2d at 1253.

The Alaska Supreme Court recently struck-down an Anchorage Ordinance that regulated the hours of an adult cabaret involving nude dancing. *Club SinRock, LLC v. Municipality of Anchorage*, --- P.3d ---- (August 2, 2019). The Court struck-down the ordinance because it found that nude dancing was protected by the free expression protections of the Alaska Constitution and the closing-hours restriction as applied to adult cabarets was not sufficiently narrowly tailored to achieve its ends.

So too, the prohibitions on the owners of tasting rooms from holding classes, presentations, competitions, or social gatherings focused on the tasting of their product would violate protected free expression under the Alaska Constitution. As detailed above, the Board does not have a legitimate compelling reason to advance such prohibitions, nor are the prohibitions “no more extensive than necessary to serve the legitimate regulatory interest.” *Holding*, 63 P.3d at 251-52. Consequently, these proposed prohibitions on protected free expression are barred by Article 5, Section 5 of the Alaska Constitution.

In sum, I ask that the Board withdraw the proposed regulation as inconsistent with statute and because it violates provisions of the Alaska Constitution. Finally, I ask the Board to withdraw the proposed regulation because it does not advance legitimate regulatory interests and would constitute bad public policy. Alaska should be promoting the responsible operation of its craft breweries, wineries and distilleries. This proposed regulation is in search of a problem that does not exist. Tasting rooms and bars can co-exist in their respective regulatory frameworks establish by the Legislature. There is no need to adopt this regulation.

Very Truly Yours,

Breck C. Tostevin

**From:** [Terry Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Not in favor of proposed changes  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 9:11:26 PM

---

The wording to the brewery license that they currently operate under specifically disallows many things, one of those things is “recreational or gaming opportunities” The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office’s (AMCO) director finds this language too vague to enforce so she has proposed new language to replace that with the following specific activities:

(1) festivals; (2) games and competitions; (3) classes; (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests; (5) presentations or performances; (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

I strongly disagree with the director on this proposed wording change, it would create adverse effects on a brewery or distillery to support their community in many ways they currently do. It would be a very negative step to these businesses to adopt these changes. Please don’t.

Thank you,

*~Terry Kennedy*

***PO Box 63***

***Tenakee Springs Alaska 99841***

***907-736-2252***

**From:** [John DeLapp](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on proposal to adopt regulation changes in 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 10:56:49 PM

---

I am a senior citizen and longtime Alaska resident who enjoys visiting the newer brewery and distillery tasting rooms in Alaska. I am very much opposed to the Alcohol Board attempting to further restrict the already abbreviated list of activities allowed at these tasting rooms. The Board should take NOT take action to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" in such a restrictive manner. This unnecessary government interference in a growing sector of the Alaska economy will be a death blow to a number of these businesses. The traditional liquor industry and bar owners should not be allowed to restrict public choice and stifle this sector of our economy.

John A DeLapp  
2241 Foxhall Drive  
Anchorage AK 99504  
[jdelapp@gci.net](mailto:jdelapp@gci.net)

**From:** [ephaley@gci.net](mailto:ephaley@gci.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 8:04:03 AM

---

Good Morning,

I'm opposed, for several reasons, to the proposed expansion/clarification of the "other recreational or gaming opportunities" definition. I understand the desire of the Board to differentiate the manufacturer from the retailer but I feel this proposal goes a bit further than necessary. Public events held at locations such as breweries and distilleries expand the public profile of these manufacturers. In doing so, there can be no doubt the brewery or distillery must accept a greater responsibility to public, in general. When events are held at bars, the focus is often on the retail product. On the other hand, when events are held at breweries and distilleries, there seems to be a tendency to balance the focus between the products and the overall experience. I believe, if the definition is adopted, good will and public safety will suffer.

Thank You,  
Ernest P. Haley  
17408 Charity Lane  
Eagle River, AK 99577  
907-227-0808

**From:** [Frances Harder](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [info@devilsclubbrewing.com](mailto:info@devilsclubbrewing.com)  
**Subject:** Ban on Free Speech?  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 8:42:38 AM

---

What in the World are we coming to?

You propose to ban free speech in in breweries, art shows, brewery tours, fundraisers and more!  
You are dictating against our free speech and stopping a business from becoming more profitable.

Do not understand your logic! Crazy times!

Sincerely,

Frances Harder

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Your proposed regulation - unconstitutional.  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 9:04:16 AM

---

## Carrie Craig

Occupational Licensing Examiner  
State of Alaska DCCED  
Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office  
550 W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ste. 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

---

**From:** AMCO Admin (CED sponsored) <amco.admin@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 8:53 AM  
**To:** Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC (CED sponsored) <alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Your proposed regulation - unconstitutional.

---

**From:** mila907ak <[mila907ak@gmail.com](mailto:mila907ak@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 01, 2019 12:56 PM  
**To:** AMCO Admin (CED sponsored) <[amco.admin@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.admin@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Your proposed regulation - unconstitutional.

To all whom it may concern:

I find it absolutely pathetic that a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries is even being considered by the board. There is a very strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces.

If the bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business, perhaps instead of looking to lobbying the government to pick them as economic winners and their competitors as losers, they should instead try to make themselves more attractive places that people actually want to patronize.

New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is supposed to be all about. Government should not be trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences, offer a better model.

Sincerely,

Jen White

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** [Cheffy Thomas](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes to Operations of Breweries  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 9:55:37 AM

---

To Whom it May Concern,

I was hoping to display my first photography collection at a brewery. The proposed changes would destroy my ability to accomplish such a dream. I came to Alaska not long ago but I call it home now. This beautiful place clearly depends on social gatherings and other social events. Businesses throughout Southeast Alaska are places where people can be a family and avoid the onset of depression in the winter months.

I believe preventing "presentations" and "social gatherings" is an attack on our first amendment rights to free speech and peaceful assembly. Practically, for businesses this would mean an end hosting fundraisers for non-profits, for fear of causing a social gathering. Which is a preposterous notion. Non-Profit Organizations are abundant here in Alaska and you would be directly impeding on their ability to help protect our beautiful state.

Please reconsider these changes.

Sincerely,  
Charles Thomas  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**From:** [Megan Behnke](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** do not limit our breweries, distilleries, and wineries  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 10:27:02 AM

---

Greetings--

As someone who was born and raised in Alaska and who intends to continue my life in our amazing state, I am deeply opposed to limiting the types of events that can be held at craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries.

The proposed ban on recreational activities is small minded, un-Alaskan, and driven by jealous bar owners and not by Alaskans. Small venues such as local breweries, distilleries, and wineries are thriving cultural centers in our communities, and do NOT threaten regular bars. I would never attend a fundraiser or an art show at a bar at 4pm, but I am able to do so at local breweries and distilleries. Do not arbitrarily limit the ability of Alaskans to decide for ourselves what kind of events they create and attend in our own communities by allowing this draconian interpretation of current regulations.

Thank you,  
Megan

--

Megan Behnke  
email: [megan.i.behnke@gmail.com](mailto:megan.i.behnke@gmail.com)

**From:** [Amy Kesten](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** changes to the new language  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 10:47:40 AM

---

Good Morning:

This e-mail is in repose to information I have hear regarding changes to the language that will affect license for breweries and distilleries.

i strongly oppose these changes and below I have discussed why.

Since the opening of The Devils Club Brewery I have had the opportunity to attend many "First Fridays," In doing so, I have been able to enjoy a social hour where I was able to try new locally crafted products, and support young local businesses. What a delight! I have been able to dink a delicious alcoholic beverage while supporting a locally made product. And, have you seen their beautiful wallpaper?

The Devils Club Brewery, like many of the local breweries, is a business that supports local.... local talent, local causes, local people. We need more of that in this struggling economy, in our state.

If the "presentations," and "social gatherings," were not allowed, this would be one more "closed door," on this community. Come on, we need some positive businesses here that are succeeding both during and after the tourism season,

These proposed changes that have been suggested are truly an attack on my first amendment rights. I want to gather in a business that doesn't reek of stale alcohol from all night spillage and drinking.

I am no politician. I do not know if I have even written this note in correct form. I am just someone who has lived here for thirty two years, and cares about this community. Don't fix something that isn't broke.

Please do not make changes to the language that will take away these wonderful gatherings.

Thank you for your taking the time to read this email

Sincerely,  
Amy Kesten  
12175 Glacier Hwy Unit B-2  
Juneau, AK 99801  
907-957-1207

**From:** [Mariela Brooks](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed regulation  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 10:57:02 AM

---

Please do not adopt the proposed regulation changes in 3 AAC 304.  
Allow Alaskans to decide for themselves what sorts of gatherings they will host and attend at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries.

Mariela Brooks

**From:** [banghart@banghart.com](mailto:banghart@banghart.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 changes proposed to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities."  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 11:07:55 AM

---

Greetings

I write in opposition to the changes proposed to definitions of "other recreational or gaming opportunities".

The changes proposed by AMCO appear more in response to individuals who are losing market share because of shifting consumer interest instead of supporting the communities of Alaska in managing the consumption of alcohol.

Anyone with private sector business experience knows markets are continually shifting and if one wants to survive one has to earn the loyalty of clients through service and product.

It seems some folks would rather shut down their competition through misguided regulatory changes than to ponder why they have a falling market share.

Please end this misguided regulatory change. The changes create more confusion than they clear up as well as stifle a growing and vital new market opportunity.

Regards

Robert Banghart  
PO Box 241023  
Douglas, AK 99824

**From:** [edward schmitt](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the proposed rule changes  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 11:23:23 AM

---

Dear members, I would like to express my objection to your proposed new definitions of entertainment. I live in Soldotna and restricting our local tasting room from participating in these events would be needlessly damaging to our community.

Kenai River Brewery has been a stalwart supporter of community activities since its inception. I'm on the board of the Tsalteshi Trails Association and I cannot tell you all the ways that we have been supported by the activities that you are proposing to outlaw.

Some examples that come to mind are major contributions to our Trails Association. We host a major cross country ski race each winter, the Tour of Tsalteshi. We have been holding our after race gathering at Kenai River Brewery. It is a perfect venue in which to thank the sponsors of the race, the volunteers, and award the race prizes. It is truly a celebration of community.

That event could not be held in any bar in town and it would be difficult for us to find another venue for the event..

We also partner with Kenai River Brewing on the Seasons of Tsalteshi beers. Kenai River Brewery generously donates the proceeds of these beers for trail maintenance and grooming. That is a substantial portion of our budget and it would be very difficult to replace that very generous donation. This is also a celebration of community, as local artists provide the artwork for the labeling and we celebrate each new offering with a party at the brewery that benefits are Trails Association.

I am not asking you for any favors but rather to refrain from changing the rules arbitrarily because the tasting rooms have proven to be successful.

I cannot see the benefit to an Alaska supposedly open for business in preventing some of our newest and most dynamic businesses from participating in activities of this kind.

Thank you,

Edward A Schmitt MD  
44140 Oehler Rd  
Soldotna, AK 99669

**From:** [Thomas Habermann](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to brewery regulations  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 11:29:30 AM

---

Please do not change the regulations redefining other recreational and gaming opportunities.

No one is being hurt under the current regulations. Consumers, including me, obviously like the status quo.

Please change the statutes if you want to make changes.

Tom Habermann

**From:** [M. Steele](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 11:43:28 AM

---

I oppose this new section in it's entirety. The language in this new section is too restrictive and would severely inhibit these business owners' ability to host events such as fundraisers for worthy causes, local artist's exhibitions, and a multitude of community events and presentations.

Mariam

**From:** [Derrick Vandesteene](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Restrictions  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 12:50:48 PM

---

To whom this email reaches I would like to just say please do not try to regulate this statue more than it already is. It's unfair to take away community events and fundraising at breweries as well as limit things like educational tours and gatherings like art shows. It seems that this statue amongst others that are being applied are irrelevant to day to day operations.

I do not understand why these statues are being placed. If anything they should be applied to places that serve hard liquor. Not at breweries that already have a limit of 36 ounces of consumption per person. There is no correlation or study shown that having entertainment at breweries effects any customer to do bodily harm to themselves or to anyone else.

We are all entitled to our own opinions and what is being implemented is a sheer waste of time and also it will effect everyone; the customer and the hundreds of employees that count on breweries for paychecks. If this passes many people will be effected negatively. How come there is a blind eye when it comes to brew pubs and or bars specific? That should be the REAL topic of discussion....

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for letting me rant and for allowing me to share my opinion.

Derrick Vandesteene  
[Vandesteene33@gmail.com](mailto:Vandesteene33@gmail.com)



**From:** [Danielle](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 1:13:48 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong disagreement with the suggested proposal to limit the types of events that can be held at breweries/distilleries. (3 AAC 304.390)

Breweries and distilleries have become an integral part of Alaskan communities. They are family friendly establishments that host community events, fundraisers, and other social events in a safe, clean, highly regulated environment. These proposed new limitations are excessive, and detrimental to the communities of Alaska. Bars are not an appropriate venue for hosting events with a family feel and restaurants are prohibitively expensive for many groups. Our state is already suffering economically, further limitations like those proposed on a growing industry in our state will only cause more financial burden at the community levels, not to mention the removal of family friendly event space.

Thank you,  
Danielle Blanchard

**From:** [Susette Carroll](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 1:24:15 PM

---

PLEASE do not take away our right to have a beer at our local breweries or taste at our local distilleries. They serve a unique niche and offer a place for many of us to visit with our out of town guests. I do not see any impact on the crowds at our local bars. I am thrilled when our local brewery and distillery can take part in First Friday and display local artist work. Please refrain from micromanagement of the industry due to the lobby from bar/restaurant owners. There is a place for all venues.

Susette Carroll  
Haines, Alaska

**From:** [Sean Heismann](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** In Re: WITHDRAWING Proposed Changes On Definitions of Recreational or Gaming Opportunities in The Regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; Project #2019200673  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 1:32:55 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner of Bawden Street Brewing Company. The proposed changes to the definitions of 'recreational or gaming activities' in 3 AAC 304.390(a)(1)-(6) must be withdrawn. Three reasons support the withdrawal. First, the proposed regulation expands the prohibitions beyond what is stated in statute. Second, the terms in 3 AAC 304.390(a)(1)-(6) are hopelessly vague. Third, the prohibitions on classes, presentations, and like activities unduly infringe on commercial speech rights.

### **1. The proposed regulation expands the prohibitions beyond what is stated in statute**

There's a fancy legal doctrine called *ejusdem generis* that states that when a general term follows a list of specific terms, that general term will be interpreted to include only those terms of the same class of listed specific terms. The Alaska Supreme Court explains this in *State v. Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest*, 436 P.3d 984, 995-96 (Alaska 2019)

AS 04.11.130(e)(1) states, in pertinent part, "a holder of a brewery license may sell not more than 36 ounces a day of the brewery's product to a person for consumption on the premises if [...] the brewery does not allow live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities on the premises where the consumption occurs[.]" No further definitions occur in the relevant statute, but the plain reading of the text, *ejusdem generis* aside, shows that the general terms "other recreational or gaming opportunities" ought to be interpreted in light of the specific, context-setting terms of 'live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, [and] game tables'. "Gaming opportunities" is obvious: bingo, pull tabs, raffles, and the like are prohibited. 'Recreational activities' seems vague at first, but with the inclusion of specific activities like darts, pool tables, dancing, electronic and non-electronic games, and game tables (objects and activities commonly found in bars and restaurants) it is obvious the Legislature intended to prohibit objects and activities that resemble darts, pool tables, dancing, electronic and non-electronic games, and game tables. The list of terms that the regulation seeks to prohibit does not resemble these terms in any meaningful way.

To wit, the proposed regulation at 3 AAC 304.390(a)(1)-(6) would prohibit festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties (except private parties with specific, invited guests), presentations or performances, and other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public. With the exception of "games and competitions," which are already prohibited, these activities in no way resemble the activities or objects prohibited by statute, and the justification of a purported resemblance would torture the plain reading of the law. Given that the general terms in question ('recreational and gaming opportunities') ought to be interpreted in light of the specific terms the Legislature intentionally listed, the proposed expansion of these general terms is a regulatory overreach. There is no indication that the Legislature intended to prohibit the items in proposed regulation 3 AAC 304.390(a)(1)-(6) EXCEPT those specifically mentioned, at which point the proposed regulation becomes redundant and pointless.

As such, the proposed regulation should be withdrawn.

### **2. The terms in 3 AAC 304.390(a)(1)-(6) are hopelessly vague**

Even if AMCO were to set aside common sense and add the proposed definitions in 3 AAC 304.390(a)(1)-(6), these terms are hopelessly vague. As such, breweries will not have adequate warning about what activities are prohibited. This will lead to discriminatory or capricious enforcement, costing taxpayer money.

Nowhere does the proposed regulation define 'festival,' 'class,' 'presentation,' or 'performance.' A common sense understanding of 'class' or 'presentation,' without reaching for a dictionary, is the communication of information (of varying degrees of technicality) to an uninformed audience. A class or presentation can occur in a formal setting, with a prearranged time and place, or can be ad hoc and informal. As such, if a customer asks about the ingredients in a beer or how the beer is made, this would qualify as a 'class' or 'presentation': A brewer telling a customer about the alpha-amylase/beta-amylase windows during mashing that result in different original gravities would be a class or presentation; a brewer relating the relationship between original gravity and final gravity for a given type of yeast would be a class or presentation; a brewer describing the life cycle and metabolic pathways of various yeasts would be a class or presentation; a brewer detailing the alpha acid isomerization rate during boiling of wort, and the relationship of that rate

of specific gravity would be a class or presentation. Examples multiply.

At least 'class' and 'presentation' have some generally accepted meaning that we can point to; 'performance' and 'festival' are entirely up in the air.

If the proposed regulation were to be adopted, it seems likely that the mere act of listing ingredients to a customer would run afoul of the law. But surely this can't be correct, as answering customer questions and consumer education are common place activities that servers and brewers engage in on a daily basis in brewery tasting rooms. Unless the hopelessly vague terms proposed as a definitions of "recreational and gaming opportunities" are themselves further defined, brewers and tasting room employees will not know with sufficient clarity what is prohibited.

Under the proposed regulation including the vague terms, if a brewer were to describe ingredients, processes, intended results, then anyone could report that brewer as being in violation of AS 04.11.130(e)(1). However, if a bar, restaurant or wholesaler were to describe that brewer's ingredients, processes, intended results, then no violation occurs. This is plainly discriminatory: why should a bar or restaurant receive preferential treatment for otherwise harmless behavior that would earn a brewer a citation?

If brewers aren't on notice that certain activities are prohibited, as would be the case if the hopelessly vague terms were to be adopted, then consistent enforcement of those prohibitions would be either heavy-handed and require more enforcement agents than the state currently has, or random and capricious, dependent on whim.

As such, the proposed regulation should be withdrawn.

### **3. The prohibitions on classes, presentations, and like activities unduly infringe on commercial speech rights.**

To include classes/presentations (formal or informal) and other similar activities on the list of prohibited activities is an obvious, grotesque violation on commercial speech rights. Further, there is no public good just clamoring to be met by barring such speech, no public health and safety objectives to be furthered by limiting brewers' commercial speech in this manner, and no protection of fair marketplace competition by preventing such speech. This takes no thought to uncover, but there are anomalous results that seem likely to occur if these hopelessly vague terms were adopted.

If anything, it puts consumers at risk because brewers and taproom employees are prevented from presenting or teaching consumers about what is in the product they are consuming: a customer with a wheat allergy surely would like to know if and how much wheat is in a beer, e.g., What effect, if any, do different styles of mashing have on gluten? A vegan consumer would surely like to know if animal products are used in the production of the beer: does the brewer use isinglass as a kettle fining agent? And if brewers are prevented from educating their consumers, brewers are exposed to product liability claims or other similar torts.

For this reason, the proposed regulation should be withdrawn.

### **4. Summary**

For the above mentioned reasons, the proposed changes to the definitions of 'recreational or gaming activities' in 3 AAC 304.390(a)(1)-(6) must be withdrawn. It is the general purpose of regulation to provide the "rubber meets the road" practical application of Legislative intent as enacted by statute, and, generally considered, regulation serves the purposes of promoting health and safety, and providing fair marketplace competition. This proposed regulation does none of the above.

Sean Heismann  
Bawden Street Brewing Company  
Inside Passage Brewing Co., LLC.  
325 Bawden Street  
Ketchikan, AK 99901  
513-324-0762 (cell)  
907-225-4722 (office)

**From:** [Z Norum](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Laws  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 3:24:52 PM

---

Good Afternoon,

I am writing this email today to express my dissatisfaction with the boards archaic rules and regulations that get in the way of free market enterprise and changing cultural and market tastes. The new proposals that would limit any type of entertainment that occurs at tasting rooms/breweries seem like a poorly thought out attempt to stop a market from continuing to grow in Alaska, you all need to take a look at these establishments and figure out why people like them. I will tell you why; They are safer than most bars, do not serve hard alcohol, people don't get in fights or shoot at each other after having just two beers, and often times these have become the central hubs for many social circles and are contributing to the growth of Alaska's own unique culture. Frankly you need to remove the current proposal and also get rid of the archaic liquor licensing quota laws that are currently in place and start from scratch to create something that will allow free enterprise and competition to take place. Do not let private industry try to tell you what the PUBLIC wants. People like the breweries more than the bars and you need to change rules to reflect that they will stay for the long haul.

Zach Norum  
[norum0351@gmail.com](mailto:norum0351@gmail.com)  
907-388-0912

**From:** [Scott Clendaniel](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 4:24:54 PM

---

To: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Re: 3 AAC 304.390 PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

I completely understand the idea behind the different liquor licenses and can see why traditional bars are advocating to keep reduced hours and privileges from the lesser licenses. What I don't understand is the crippling rules about what behaviors are allowed in such cases. I believe that bars are overstepping their grounds with demands that breweries eliminate any form of entertainment. The wine and beer licenses at restaurants permits such activity, why are we punishing these local business establishments that produce beer, wine and distilled spirits? The limits of 36 ounces of beer and the shutdown at 8pm should be more than enough to differentiate the tasting rooms from traditional bar licenses. The bars do not even start live music until after 9pm. They have limited or no food offerings, and First Friday art exhibits are not an option.

I personally am not often a bar patron. The clientele at traditional bars get decidedly more intoxicated. Bar patrons also stay out until 2 AM, a time well past healthy behavior. I am an artist who has made a living selling my art at brewery tasting rooms. If the availability to show my art at tasting rooms were to change that would affect me negatively. I have always found the brewery tasting room to be a preferable place to meet people and to have social encounters. I find them to be cleaner, have food available in trucks, or from an onsite restaurant. These places have a different type of clientele. The alcohol served is fresher and better than from a bar. The brewery is the source for the beer, and the best place to get the freshest beer from that brewery.

With the drink limit set in place there are a lot less overly drunk people loitering about looking for trouble. It is my opinion that the rules are too strict on tasting rooms when it comes to cultural activities. Breweries, wineries and distilleries are a growing sector of Alaskan economic growth, we should not hinder their ability for cultural involvement. This is a place safe for the community to mingle in a safe bright environment. The limiting factors from liquor laws has not improved these places but has allowed bars to become a type of monopoly that allows the establishments to sit on their laurels. It is similar to the cab companies where the few licenses have allowed for bad service and even unsafe practices (i.e: really old cabs). While ride-share services are producing a great experience at a good price. The breweries are paying for a liquor license and they are making the product locally. Breweries are not paying the absurd prices that a "real" liquor license requires on the secondary market. That absurd price is making traditional bars the type of "dive" that I do not want to even want to set foot in.

I am disappointed by the practices of Alaska's liquor licensing. It is making things worse and keeping the free market economy out of the equation. The last thing I want as an Alaskan is to see our vibrant brewery scene hindered further, and to reward a system that is outdated and not working towards its original goals.

Sincerely,  
Scott Clendaniel

**From:** [Maria Benner](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 4:29:50 PM

---

To: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
Re: 3 AAC 304.390 PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

Please do not restrict our ability to have First Friday art shows at taprooms!!! A lot of our income comes from these art shows, people actually purchase art from taprooms, and I don't know of any bar where I could have an art show instead. Also, please try to make peace with the fact that people really enjoy going to taprooms, and stop trying to limit what we can do there. Bars are dark meat markets where I wouldn't go alone for fear of my safety. Taprooms are a really enjoyable place to meet with friends, and sample the freshest offerings. Bar owners shouldn't feel threatened by taprooms, because bars and taprooms are so different, I think they attract completely different people. Just agree to be different, and stop attacking taprooms!

Thank you!  
Maria Benner



**From:** [Christopher Surgenor](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 5:04:58 PM

---

Regarding 3 AAC 304.390,

Who in the hell thinks that changing regulations to further limit taprooms and breweries in Alaska is a good idea?! This is the dumbest thing you could do right now. I have numerous friends who do art shows in breweries. They would be impacted negatively. Communities would be impacted negatively. Local fundraising efforts would be impacted negatively.

All I can think is that you guys hate fun? You hate art? You hate community enrichment? It's either that, or you work for the liquor store lobby?

DO NOT FURTHER LIMIT TAPROOMS AND BREWERIES.

Chris Surgenor

**From:** [Carol Coyle](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Regulations for Breweries and Distilleries is unfair  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 5:23:23 PM

---

to AMCO



Hello - I am writing in support of our new young Alaska entrepreneurs who have opened distilleries and breweries with tasting rooms according to established rules. This new round of rules seems to be unfair and in essence punishes these businesses for being successful and community oriented. I love that these businesses have art shows and classes and other community events. It does not limit or replace the fact that I go out for a glass of wine at my local bars including the Narrows, the Hangar, Island Pub, etc. I probably consume less than 10% of my "going out" alcohol at distillery/brewer tasting room settings. I don't see local bars performing these community functions (except the Hangar which has a rental venue). What purpose does these rules serve other than to limit the perception of competition? I know there are a limited number of liquor licenses and again I don't see the bars in Juneau having fun events other than occasional music. Furthermore many retail establishments do just these very events to promote sales - galleries have art shows (sometimes with wine and cheese), bookstores have classes and books signings and game nights, a local shop in Juneau (Kindred Post) even has poetry readings. These are normal events for retail and are often very appreciated by the community at large. Wineries are known for having events to promote wine sales - look at Napa Valley and the Finger Lakes.

At issue is perhaps that bars must pay a premium for their licenses? If so perhaps a different kind of license could be purchased for distilleries/breweries that is financially commensurate with all the restrictions that we/you have placed on them (2 drink limit, closing at 8 etc. ) Perhaps that would put this ongoing controversy to rest. It certainly isn't that having community events is "outside the purview of retail". Thank you for your service.

PS The main reason I don't go into the Narrows as much as I would like is all the drunks hanging outside of the Liquor Store next door!

Carol Coyle, Douglas, Alaska

--

What if the mightiest word is love? - Elizabeth Alexander

**From:** [Megan White](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Taproom Regulations  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 6:17:12 PM

---

To Whom It Concern,

The proposal to limit breweries and distilleries to basic operations is a proposal to hurt local small businesses, and communities. We have enjoyed being able to attend pop up shops, animal rescue adoption events, food trucks and a general laid back atmosphere at Anchorage taprooms. Much like farmers markets, it's been great to be able to meet the faces behind the product and get to know them and see how they benefit the community as a whole. It's also nice to have a place where we can grab lunch or supper, a drink, that's kid friendly and can even grab a six pack or growler to go. But by shutting this down, you're also hurting the food truck operators who may not find the great location and the clientele that they have after partnering up with local taprooms.

No one wants the taprooms to turn into bars, but we also don't want to lose the uniqueness that these places hold for our families and communities. By putting stringent regulations on these businesses, you're potentially driving them out of business which would be detrimental to our communities. We need jobs, we need great local businesses, we need awesome places to keep having amazing events for all ages. I'm urging you to please, please reconsider the proposed regulations.

Respectfully,  
Megan White  
Anchorage AK

**From:** [Jeff Rewolinski](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No! 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 7:00:59 PM

---

Please stop trying to destroy the craft beer industry in Alaska, and start embracing it. No other state has such strict and downright ridiculous laws for breweries.

The 36oz limit is a joke as well and needs to be removed.

Maybe the licensing system needs an overhaul in general. Licenses shouldn't be allowed to be auctioned off. Revoke them, start a waiting list, and make everyone pay the same price and you eliminate a lot of the complaints.

Thanks,  
Jeff Rewolinski

**From:** [kay clements](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** local brewery and distillery  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 7:24:49 PM

---

Dear Regulators,

I know you are working hard to do the right thing and there are a number of regulations that make sense but I am very grateful for the two places in my town of Haines that host local artists on a regular basis. They are more of a community center where we the townspeople can meet up, enjoy a locally brewed/distilled beverage, view another local artist and support one another. It is one of the few venues we have doing all those things that give us a cohesion as a community. To do away with that would do us all a great disservice.

thank you for your consideration,  
Kay Clements

=====

Kay Clements  
P.O.Box 370  
Haines, Alaska 99827-0370

[Radiogurrl@gmail.com](mailto:Radiogurrl@gmail.com)  
415-497-3521 cell

**From:** [Larri Spengler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** against proposed restrictive regulations  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 7:31:18 PM

---

Greetings:

I strongly urge you to reject the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304.

The gatherings at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries that the proposal would prohibit foster a sense of community, and do the opposite of promoting heavy alcohol use -- of which there is certainly too much in Alaska.

It would be very short-sighted to adopt the proposed changes.

Larri Spengler

Larri Irene Spengler  
4545 Thane Road  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
907-586-9768 (phone/fax)  
[lspengler@ak.net](mailto:lspengler@ak.net)

**From:** [Heidi Olson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vote no on upcoming regulation changes  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 7:39:53 PM

---

Our friends at Devil's Club, Barnaby Brewing, and Amalga Distillery are great supporters of their neighbors; hosting fundraisers, campaigns, supporting artists through providing exhibit space, and just generally going above and beyond for the community through their entrepreneurship. I hope you will find the time to support them in turn by writing to

I'd like to encourage you to oppose the restrictive regulations being proposed to define other recreational or gaming opportunities to include things like festivals, games and competitions, classes, public parties, presentations or performances and other social gatherings advertised to the general public. Many of the local breweries and disteries are great supporters of community organizations and help them raise money for their causes, many of which are not being supported by state dollars. These private companies are great community partners and should be allowed to continue to support the community through events that this regulation change will no longer allow.

Please do not restrict these business entities.

Heidi Olson  
Douglas Alaska

**From:** [Karla Hart](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 30  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 8:01:08 PM

---

Resending as I had the wrong email.

- >
- > Please do not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304.
- >
- > Local breweries, distilleries, and wineries foster a sense of community, and do the opposite of promoting heavy alcohol use -- of which there is certainly too much in Alaska.
- >
- > They are also providing business opportunities for young Alaskans and adding vitality to communities.
- >
- > Bars will always have their place but times are changing and I support locally produced and served products.
- >
- > Regards,
- >
- > Karla Hart
- > Juneau
- >
- >



**From:** [Andrea Snowden](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational activities  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 8:24:35 PM

---

AMCO,

Please drop this effort to further define "other recreational or gaming activities". Alaska already has so many outdated laws regarding alcohol consumption, purchasing, etc. that negatively affects so many of us. We don't need more restrictions! The local breweries and cider companies are an important part of our communities and this effort seems to be mainly targeting them. These places are already very restricted and I only see very responsible behavior from the people running them and frequenting them. Please allow them to conduct classes, performances, and festivals!

Concerned Anchorage Citizen

**From:** [Elisabeth Hauser](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments regarding the considered change to the recreational or gaming opportunities  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 8:29:29 PM

---

To whom it may concern:

I am writing as a Juneau resident that strongly opposes the recreational or gaming opportunities amendment that is being considered that will take away the opportunity for breweries and distilleries to hold community events in their facilities. I have found that the opportunities held within the local breweries and distillery in my town has ENHANCED the community so much. At this point in my life, I would never select to go to a bar for such gatherings. I appreciate the limited drinks, I feel safe, and I appreciate what these establishments are doing within the community. During these events is the only time that I tend to participate in community gatherings. Do not take this away from the community.

Elisabeth Hauser  
15580 Glacier Hwy  
Juneau, AK  
99801

**From:** [Steve Behnke](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304: Don't over regulate gatherings at breweries, distilleries and wineries  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 9:05:35 PM

---

Dear Sirs,

Please do not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304. Local breweries, distilleries, and wineries have become valued gathering places for many Alaskans. This proposal would undercut their ability to provide a sense of community without promoting heavy alcohol use and would have very negative impacts on these businesses and the positive social fabric they foster.

Thank you,

Steve Behnke

4545 Thane Rd.  
Juneau, Ak 99801

**From:** [Leslie Ridle](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Brewery Regs  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 10:01:10 PM

---

Hello AMCO Staff and Board:

I write today to oppose the proposed regulations to define recreational or gaming activities.

The people of Alaska want businesses to reflect their changing tastes. The plethora of breweries and distilleries shows that Alaskans don't always want to go to a regular bar.

If the laws governing bars and breweries seem unclear, then it should be left to the legislature to introduce clarifying legislation (at the beginning of a session not in the last 5 days) where the public can come and testify—where the issues can be discussed and debated.

Changing the rules by regulation isn't the best way to address this issue. The AMCO Board should table these regulations until the issue can be resolved the proper way.

I go to both breweries and bars. I choose which to go to based on what kind of activity I want to partake in on any given night. I often enjoy the more family-friendly atmosphere of a brewery over a bar. My family held our mother's 83rd birthday at a brewery this year. We had kids there under 8 and they and my mom drank a non-alcoholic drink to toast her big day. The atmosphere was bright and lively and fun. We never would have had the same celebration in a bar and no restaurant would have sufficed for our eclectic group. The brewery provided the perfect spot to meet.

Again, I oppose your proposed regulations and urge you to allow the Legislature to address this issue.

Thank you,

Leslie Ridle  
1210 E. 16th #2  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
907-240-2088

**From:** [David Cheezem](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillery regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 1:36:56 AM

---

The proposed new restrictions on community-based activities at distilleries serve no good purpose. Communities lose the kinds of events that make them unique—local arts classes, presentations, performances, etc. These are niche events that don't directly compete with traditional establishments. Banning them won't help anyone, but it will hurt the feeling of community pride and coherence that exists today.

— David Cheezem  
Palmer

**From:** [Stephen Long](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 7:58:31 AM

---

Please do not regulate our breweries.

As an Alaskan resident, the brewery experience is one of the highlights of culture here for me. Why kill it? Breweries are already limited in weird ways that interfere with my experience. These regulations should be relaxed and certainly not extended.

Stephen Long

**From:** [Bonnie Chaney](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Do not adopt proposed regulatory changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 8:05:57 AM

---

I strongly urge you to not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304. The gatherings at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries currently promote community and are pleasant places to meet. The focus is on community rather than heavy alcohol consumption due to the restriction on the number of drinks. I appreciate a place where I can meet with friends that doesn't have loud music and TVs blaring.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Bonnie Chaney

**From:** [Hannah Wilson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304-please do not make changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 8:12:01 AM

---

To the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office:

Please *do not* adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304. The gatherings and events at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries that the proposal would prohibit foster a sense of community and create a positive space where people can come together and do the opposite of promoting heavy alcohol use. I'm from Juneau and the local distillery and breweries are a wonderful place to spend time and see friends without having to worry about folks who are over-drinking. The strict limits on the amount of alcohol served and the closing time at these venues keeps the atmosphere family-friendly and relaxed, providing a service completely different from bars.

Thank you,

Hannah Wilson

Juneau



**From:** [Kyle Darbonne](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 8:43:13 AM

---

Hello,

I am a concerned Alaskan Citizen writing in to comment on proposed changes on the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulations of the alcoholic beverage control board. I believe these changes to be unfair to local brewers and distilling businesses. I do not believe this is what the general Alaska population wants or sees as fair. Breweries are already stripped of a number of privileges that I believe most people already don't agree with, for example, having to close at 8:00 pm or not even being allowed to have a TV. It also seems like the biggest proponent of these changes are bar owners. Which makes me think they are only trying to beat down their competition through regulations instead of enforcing regulations that actually benefit Alaskans. Breweries grow the economy and adding more regulations only curbs development in a state that is desperate for new industry. A state that is far behind other states in this regard does not need to recede further. Banning events like First Friday's, and other community projects hurt our culture as a whole and make it harder for us to find public spaces where we can come together in unity and support one another. Please, do not pass these changes. Consider re-thinking these regulations as a whole. Alaskans do not agree with them. They aren't fair.

Thank you for listening,

Kyle Darbonne

--

Kyle Darbonne | [kyledarbonne@gmail.com](mailto:kyledarbonne@gmail.com)

**From:** [Mary Burtness](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment: Tasting room activities  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 9:01:29 AM

---

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations on the operation of tasting rooms in Alaska.

This move to limit activities at these businesses will squelch the true entrepreneurship spirit of Alaskans. The people gathering to celebrate “Alaskan Grown” products is true to our independent spirit. There is not any harm and supports these small businesses. The argument that it takes business away from bar operations is false. The people that go to these establishments aren’t likely to spend much time in the bars.

Please support these businesses grow and thrive.

Mary C Burtness

**From:** [David Cole](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Craft Brewery - Proposed entertainment activities  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 10:50:55 AM

---

Regarding the proposed changes that are now being considered on the types of events and entertainment currently allowed at craft breweries, I would hope that you do not enact these changes. I frequent these breweries occasionally and enjoy looking at the art that is displayed on the walls. Also, the brewery tours are very informational.

I believe these changes are not necessary.

David Cole

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Claire Delbecq](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** changes to regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 12:47:02 PM

---

Please do not adopt the proposed regulation changes in 3 AAC 304--please allow Alaskans to decide for themselves what sorts of gatherings they will host and attend at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries.

Concerned Alaskan,  
Claire Delbecq

**From:** [Vicki Daniels](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on proposed regulation  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 12:54:08 PM

---

I am strongly opposed to the proposed regulation of barring tasting rooms from hosting: (1) festivals; (2) games and competitions; (3) classes; (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests; (5) presentations or performances; and (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

Tasting rooms fill a niche in hosting such events that bars leave unfulfilled. For example, kickoff parties for a cancer fundraising effort are appropriate at the more family-friendly tasting room and completely inappropriate at most bars. Alaska does not need to be further limiting these locally-owned businesses, it should be supporting them.

Vicki Daniels  
489 Droz Dr.  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

**From:** [matt cullen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alaska Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 12:57:36 PM

---

Hello,

I recently took a wonderful trip to Alaska but was left puzzled by the very strange and non-sensical laws regarding breweries. In my home state of Massachusetts, we frequently enjoy different activities at breweries. Movie nights, art displays, fundraisers, concerts and so much more are good things for the community and for paying patrons - there really is no good reason I could think of for banning them.

Just writing this email to recommend that you loosen restrictions on breweries (including the consumption limit which for some reason only applies to breweries and not bars where alcohol is more likely to be abused) as it will be both beneficial to the businesses and to the community.

Thanks,  
Matt Cullen

**From:** [DCCED Commissioner \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: AMCO Closing the Door on Brewery Business  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 1:06:46 PM

---

This email will direct reply to Josh Henga. Thanks.

---

**From:** Josh Henga [mailto:josh@girdwoodbrewing.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:17 AM  
**To:** DCCED Commissioner (CED sponsored) <dcced.commissioner@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** AMCO Closing the Door on Brewery Business

Hello Commissioner Anderson, Deputy Commissioner Springsteen, and Assistant Commissioner Demboski:

As you know, AMCO and the ABC Board have proposed to adopt some very restrictive language to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities". Hosting fundraisers, highlighting local artisans, giving educational beer tours, and providing a safe gathering place are core components of our business model and other breweries throughout Alaska. These practices have been accepted over the years, yet many would be threatened if this language is adopted. It is completely UnAlaskan to start a business centered around something, only to have the chair pulled out from under you.

We are open for business and truly proud of the 15 jobs we have created in less than three years. We are a vehicle of tourism, and the positive economic impact Girdwood Brewing Company has driven to other businesses in Girdwood is undeniable. If this proposed language is adopted, it will hurt our bottom line, and we will be forced to lay off employees. With AMCO now being under the umbrella of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, we are hoping you can provide some guidance to modernize our industry and not go backwards. If you truly want to promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska, then why stifle the growth of a budding industry?

Girdwood has been happy to support numerous non-profits through fundraisers and donations. Some of this has directly contributed to public safety- [Glacier Valley Transit](#), [Friends of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center](#), and [Alaska Avalanche School](#). Others have brought food to the table- [Girdwood community garden](#) and [Food Bank of Alaska](#). Additionally, we have helped [Challenge Alaska](#) all the kids' ski programs at [Alyeska Resort](#), [Arctic Valley Ski Area](#), [Alaska State Parks](#), [Alaska Trails](#), [Girdwood Mountain Bike Alliance](#),

[Girdwood Turnagain Arm Lions Club](#), our local school, and numerous other organizations. It would be especially sad if we had to cancel a celebration for our local firefighters this October.

Our opponents say we should only manufacture and have no privileges; current statute and the First Amendment say otherwise. Although they have no numbers to prove it, you may also hear from some old school bar owners that we are infringing on their business. The reality is consumer demand is changing, and people want fresh and local. Eateries and bars with cool concepts and a safe atmosphere are doing well. Lastly the argument that they have “paid to play” with a BDL is flawed as well. Most of these bar owners making a fuss paid little for their BDL and are now being sold for 100K-300K depending on location. The reality is we (a relatively small brewery) have paid over 300K for our brewing equipment alone and another 200K to create a nice bright atmosphere for our town to enjoy. We don't want to be a bar. All we want to do is serve our beer and our community.

In Alaska breweries are already operating under some of the strictest regulations in the country, yet we are still finding a way to scrape by. As some of the only true manufacturers in the state we should be getting a hand up from the State of AK, not continually pushed down by those looking for a handout.

If you could please offer up some assistance of any kind it would be greatly appreciated.

Cheers,

Josh Hegna

Co-Founder [Girdwood Brewing Company](#)

Beer Ambassador/Marketing Director

907-830-2549



**From:** [Bridget LaPenter](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [David Ottoson](#); [Madi Nolan](#); [Maura Selenak](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed new regulation: 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 1:56:36 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern,

In Juneau, craft breweries and the distillery provide a tasting room not only to sample their beverages, but to bring community members together in support of one another.

I am a board member for the Juneau Family Birth Center. We have an extremely limited budget for marketing. As it is the Birth Center's 21st year in operation, we are scheduled to have a meet-and-greet at the local distillery this fall. The distillery graciously offered their space and their popularity to give us the opportunity to connect with young adults, past clients and future clientele. This is absolutely not an event we would hold at a conventional bar or tavern. The breweries and distillery in Juneau are light, bright, family-friendly spaces, the drink limit likely contributes to this atmosphere.

Without opportunities for events like this, non-profit organizations like ours lose out on an opportunity to connect with community members in a meaningful way at no cost.

For this reason, I strongly oppose the proposed new regulation 3 AAC 304.390.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bridget LaPenter  
Board Member and Acting Secretary  
Juneau Family Birth Center  
Juneau, AK

**From:** [kristen\\_ratcliffe](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Open comments for AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 2:38:13 PM

---

September 4, 2019

To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing in response to the proposed changes regarding the breweries and distilleries in Alaska (AAC 304.390). The rules regarding these establishments are already very strict and they do not need to be halted further. These companies are reputable, small business started by hard working locals and such changes will only hinder them.

So many of the companies support local artists right now, like displaying their art, but would further boost those artists if they could have gatherings and play live music or have an open mic night. The amount of fundraising that is also done by the breweries for local causes is fantastic, including upcoming ones slated for the fire efforts that has ravaged the state this summer. The amount of money that is required to host an event and obtain a BDL is not feasible for small businesses, nor should they have to, to host such community driven not for profit events.

Anchorage is a community, we want to keep it that way, but every time stipulations and laws like this are up for vote, it threatens that sense of community. Breweries have created countless jobs in a budding industry that the state should be proud of and want to help stimulate the local economy. The breweries are also safe gathering places that the community wants to support, whether it be educational classes, play a board game with friends or see a local artist.

Passing these laws will be detrimental to these owners, their families and the community of people who support them, but it will not be any better for the opposition if it is passed. What will be gained by passing these laws, not much. Patrons that frequent breweries will still not go to the bars that the opposition is so clearly worried about. Breweries are a culture and one that should be respected as they are always giving back to the community. Patrons go to breweries for the craft, the taste and respect of a good beverage, and sense of community in a safe atmosphere.

No other state has laws such as this. The obscure hours and limited consumption is already restricted enough, don't take away what's left. You will lose another great aspect of living here and we are losing too many of those recently. It is not making me proud to call Alaska my home. Please do not let these laws pass.

Thank you,

Kristen Ratcliffe

*Kristen Ratcliffe*

Anchorage Parts

Everts Air Cargo

6111 Lockheed Ave.

Anchorage, AK 99502

(907) 243.0009 Customer Service

(907) 249.4337 Direct

(907) 249.4342 Fax

[KRatcliffe@evertsair.com](mailto:KRatcliffe@evertsair.com)

This message is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, confidential and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by telephone (907.243.0009), and return the original message to [KRatcliffe@evertsair.com](mailto:KRatcliffe@evertsair.com). Thank you for your cooperation.

**From:** [Chip & Savannah Courtright](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillery Activities  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 4:13:18 PM

---

I am writing to oppose the language written in AAC 304.390 in regards to Alaska distilleries hosting events.

The distilleries and breweries in our community are an inspiring example of small business in Alaska. Their dedication to their own local communities are enhanced by hosting non-profit events, Makers Markets to help prop up other small Alaskan businesses, and other local events.

Stop trying to further push big-government onto our small businesses. That agenda is not beneficial to Alaska.

Thank you for hearing us on this issue.

Savannah Courtright  
17608 Yellowstone Dr.  
Eagle River, AK 99577

**From:** [Timi Tullis](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** please don't put limits on breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 4:13:21 PM

---

I will make this short and sweet, but there are a lot of differences between traditional bars and breweries/distilleries. The ambiance is different, the crowd is different and when I say different I mean nicer. Please don't limit what can take place in these locations. Please allow them to continue bringing in outside entertainment, fundraisers etc.

Thank you,  
Timi Tullis  
Juneau Alaska

**From:** [Kati Reed](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AK distillery and brewery laws  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 5:46:21 PM

---

To whom it may concern,  
I understand that legislature affecting our local breweries and distilleries is being discussed and put forward. As a fairly new Alaskan, I feel strongly that this issue would only hurt the small businesses and the local arts community that is such a central element to Fairbanks and the surrounding communities. By executing this rule change, you are taking away opportunities for fundraisers and special community enriching events, such as First Friday Art Shows. Please reconsider putting this new law proposal into effect.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Kati Reed  
[katishea04@gmail.com](mailto:katishea04@gmail.com)

---



Virus-free. [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

**From:** [Thomasina Andersen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on 3 AAC 304.390 i  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 7:29:11 PM

---

Hello,

I am writing to protest the proposed changes to the interpretation of the definition of "recreational and gaming opportunities" in the state alcohol regulations. The changes to ban alcohol tasting rooms from being host to "(1) festivals; (2) games and competitions; (3) classes; (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests; (5) presentations or performances; (6) other types of organized social gathering" is unnecessarily restrictive and will drive business away from the retail districts of our communities.

These alcohol-producing businesses are already burdened heavily with taxes and regulations, and this latest regulation goes too far. This tightened definition of non-permissible activities seems intended to drive customers away from these tasting room businesses, and that is something that communities badly in need of tourist dollars cannot afford. There may be other voices with political and financial pull who are calling for restrictions to these establishments, but it seems antithetical to the spirit of encouraging entrepreneurship in our state to force these breweries and distilleries out of business by making them unable to attract visitors with programming that similar businesses are allowed.

Strong-arming government to put your competition out of business is not a robust business model. I would say that instead it is time for the bar and package store owners to look to their own backyards, and figure out why places with a two or three drink maximum that close at 8:00 pm are such a threat to their custom. Maybe it the tasting rooms' interest in providing family-friendly, well-decorated and nicely-lit spaces with locally-made products that is making them more popular? Maybe if bar owners did the math they might discover that distilleries and tap rooms are actually driving people to their businesses by providing them a lure to come downtown, where they can then be encourage to "make a night of it" by visiting multiple venues. Sadly I don't have numbers to back this hypothesis up, but I do know that every 20-30 year old person I've spoken to in my community who imbibes agrees that the tasting rooms are a draw that gets them off the couch and has re-invigorated their interest in the night life in their town and cities.

Simply put, punishing a certain class of business for achieving where others are failing makes no sense, and this proposed change feels like Alaska shooting itself in the foot once again when it comes to diversifying our economy.

Regards,  
Thomasina Andersen  
622 4th St  
Juneau, AK 99801

**From:** [Marc Wheeler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** comment on proposed regulation: 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 8:46:49 PM

---

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations.

This new regulation would have a deleterious effect on our community. Our breweries and distilleries are vital parts of our community and should be allowed to host public events on their premises. Both Amalga Distillery and Devil's Club Brewery have held numerous events that have benefited the community, including cancer patient fundraisers, arts events, educational presentations, and other important community events. To deny them this ability would greatly impair our community's ability to support itself. These spaces are beautiful and should be allowed to host community events.

Furthermore, the Alaskan Brewing Company is able to share its remarkable operations with visitors from around the country through its brewery tours. The rule should be clarified so that tours are allowed in both breweries and distilleries.

I propose eliminating sections 3-6 of the draft regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Marc

--

Marc Wheeler  
427 W 9th St  
Juneau, AK 99801



**From:** [Kayla Roys](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support of breweries/distilleries/wineries  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 8:29:18 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am in support of continuing to allow breweries, distilleries and wineries within Alaska to continue to be able to host events such as fundraisers, classes, private events, and private parties.

Working for a non-profit organization in Juneau, Alaska, there are not enough venues in which these types of organizations can host events and gatherings. The local breweries and distilleries have done a great job of filling that void and allowing us to use their space for awareness, fundraising, and membership events.

Please continue to allow these businesses to support other businesses, non-profits, and the communities by allowing them to host private events, parties, fundraisers, classes, etc.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Kayla Roys  
Juneau, Alaska  
907.957.6841

**From:** [Paula Riley](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 9:46:15 AM

---

I am against changing the alcohol brewing regulations so that it would be illegal to have a public function at a brewery. Here in Homer we have two small breweries that have supported many local functions and fundraising efforts at no charge for the public or the non-profit. If this were outlawed, it would create a hardship and loss for the entire community. It would force these functions to have to rent venue space. Consequently, the event would probably not even take place. These breweries are not catering to under-age individuals when these functions take place, but are providing our community with a needed service. I do not personally drink alcohol, but I have attended numerous activities at these breweries and feel they are always orderly and enjoyable.

Paula Riley  
Homer, Alaska

**From:** [Meghan Chambers](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose 304.390 New Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 10:34:24 AM

---

Hello,

I am a Juneau resident and am writing to voice my STRONG OPPOSITION to the proposed changes to AAC 304.390.

Tasting rooms across the state have become a gathering place for their residents. They have supported non-profits, individuals, small businesses & artists, and more. These changes would mean the end of these events - important opportunities for citizens to gather and exchange thoughts, goods, and more.

I am the co-owner of a small art & design company, and the exposure we gained from First Friday events at various Juneau tasting rooms has been **invaluable to our success as a small business**. We in turn have donated items and services, created partnerships with other small businesses, and more. It's a process that helps re-invest skills and profits **back into our local community**.

**These regulations will stifle our creative economy, in addition to causing grave concerns about rights to assembly and free speech. DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**From:** [Terrie Peterson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Terrie Peterson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 3AAC 304.390 Comments to be read for changes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 11:07:20 AM

---

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Terrie Peterson <[doublet@gci.net](mailto:doublet@gci.net)>  
**Subject:** **3AAC 304.390 Comments to be read for changes**  
**Date:** August 31, 2019 at 3:28:34 PM AKDT  
**To:** [amco.reg@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.reg@alaska.gov)  
**Cc:** Terrie Peterson <[doublet@gci.net](mailto:doublet@gci.net)>

Register \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND EC. DEV.

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read:

**3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.**

(a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general

public. (Eff. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 04.06.090      AS 04.06.100      AS 04.11.130  
AS 04.11.140      AS 04.11.170

Comments for 3 AAC 304.390 Proposed Changes

To the Director and Board of AMCO

I strongly voice my disapproval at the proposed changes as set forth by AMCO

concerning 3 AAC 304.390. I strongly believe it will have deleterious effects on many businesses, and those in the craft beverage manufacturing industry in the State of Alaska, its patrons and the communities that they meaningfully contribute to. these proposed changes offer no perceived benefit to the public's safety or well being, and as a regulatory body whose purpose is to have the public's safety or well being as its forefront mandate, it SEEMS the motivation for these changes are suspect. the fact that your public notice cites no proposed benefits, of any kind, as a result of the addition of 3 AAC 304.390 might lead citizens of Alaska and myself to wonder exactly WHOSE interests are served by this new rule, if not their own.

In fact, the adoption of these changes would negatively impact the burgeoning practice of Alaskans who look to their brewery, distillery, cider, or meadow as a potential safe and inviting locale to share their ideas, knowledge, creativity, philanthropy, and other socially constructive ventures. To stifle such positive activity is a great and frankly irresponsible disservice to the alcohol manufacturers, the law-abiding patrons of said manufacturers, and to the State of Alaska as a whole..... especially when THIS body has not bothered to give a clear or purposeful rationale for this intended course of action.

I have lived in the State of Alaska since 1970 and seeing the stranglehold that proposed changes such as this on new and old businesses, does appear suspect.

I optimistically urge you to reconsider adopting 3 AAC 304.390

Sincerely,

Maria Peterson  
907-229-3469  
[doublet@gci.net](mailto:doublet@gci.net)

**From:** [D.L](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillery Licensing Changes 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 11:20:21 AM

---

Dear ABC board members.

This new regulation on distillery licenses limits a growing local industry. Tasting rooms have been providing family friendly places to have a cocktail. My wife and I routinely visit Ursa Major Distillery in Ester because it is one of the few places in town that does not cater to a bar crowd. These distilleries do not act as bars which is exactly why I patronize them. I support local distilleries because they create a positive environment for alcohol consumption.

CHARR members are not competing with tasting rooms for the same customers. Many that visit tasting rooms are not going to bars because of the danger and over drinking in their establishments. In Fairbanks we have multiple issues with bars involving weapons and criminal acts. Kodiak Jacks as well as a few other bars in Fairbanks are notorious for fights and Kodiak Jacks was even banned by the commanding officers at Fort Wainwright. These regulations proposed do nothing to protect the public or help establish safer places to consume alcohol.

Please do not support this change to regulations.

Sincerely

Don Larson

**From:** [Nikki Love](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to proposed changes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 11:22:40 AM

---

Dear Decision Maker,

I object to the proposed changes for the distilleries and breweries. I think that their current regulations are adequate. I appreciate the service they provide as a manufacturer and an alternate venue in which to enjoy their products.

Regards,

Mrs. Nikki Love

Juneau, Alaska



**From:** [Jamie Schmitt](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304. Defining regulations on recreation and other entertainment.  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 12:04:18 PM

---

AMCC -

I am writing in regards to the proposed rewrite and defining the current regulations with entertainment and recreation within local breweries.

Not only do I absolutely disagree with your proposed re-write, I also feel it's crossing the line of some of our constitutional rights. Not to mention this is in no way beneficial to our current economic state, as you are only suppressing local businesses and their employees. These breweries/distilleries and wineries provide many good things to help out our non profit and charitable organizations. I do not see how can you try to rationalize taking that away, as well as things such as educational gatherings or an art display gathering. These establishments provide a safe and comfortable environment that are family friendly. Which is why most patrons choose these establishments for that reason, and not a bar scene. They are not trying to be a bar scene by having "entertainment" but they are solely creating a community minded safe place for people to gather and support local crafted goods. Don't try to take that away!

Please - I am encouraging you to reconsider your verbiage and be more open to what our public people are asking - and stop this ongoing nonsense.

Thank you,

Jamie Schmitt

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kati Vance](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO Regs  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 2:01:49 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to speak my opinion on the latest announcement regarding the brewery/distillery/cider regulations.

I am in strong support of allowing "other recreational or gaming opportunities" including; festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, and other types of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public, to be allowed in breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Adding such regulations effects much more than the said breweries, distilleries or cideries. It hinders so many other local artisans, creators, and small businesses. With the current state of Alaska's economy, stifling local business and small artisans should be the last priority of our regulators. Breweries are already limited by their operating hours and consumption amounts. The need to limit the activities they may host is unnecessary and frivolous.

I intently believe that AMCO could be investing their resources and regulations towards higher risk hard liquor establishments rather than small, local, and limited tasting rooms.

I appreciate your time and consideration in making Anchorage a modern, vibrant, and most importantly economically sustainable place to live.

Thank you.

**From:** [Matt Manfredi](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed brewery restrictions  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 2:04:21 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to speak my opinion on the latest announcement regarding the brewery/distillery/cider regulations.

I am in strong support of allowing “other recreational or gaming opportunities” including; festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, and other types of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public, to be allowed in breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Adding such regulations effects much more than the said breweries, distilleries or cideries. It hinders so many other local artisans, creators, and small businesses. With the current state of Alaska’s economy, stifling local business and small artisans should be the last priority of our regulators. Breweries are already limited by their operating hours and consumption amounts. The need to limit the activities they may host is unnecessary and frivolous.

I intently believe that AMCO could be investing their resources and regulations towards higher risk hard liquor establishments rather than small, local, and limited tasting rooms.

I appreciate your time and consideration in making Anchorage a modern, vibrant, and most importantly economically sustainable place to live.

Thank you.  
Matt Manfredi

**From:** [aksopps@gci.net](mailto:aksopps@gci.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Brewery and Distillery restrictions  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 3:32:47 PM

---

I writing in opposition to any additional restrictions on breweries and distilleries. This industry is evolving, I would like to see less regulation and more options for these entrepreneurial businesses.

thank you,  
Keith Sopp  
7304 Hunter Circle  
Anch.99502

**From:** [jon gascoigne](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 3:53:48 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to speak my opinion on the latest announcement regarding the brewery/distillery/cider regulations.

I am in strong support of allowing “other recreational or gaming opportunities” including; festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, and other types of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public, to be allowed in breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Adding such regulations effects much more than the said breweries, distilleries or cideries. It hinders so many other local artisans, creators, and small businesses. With the current state of Alaska’s economy, stifling local business and small artisans should be the last priority of our regulators. Breweries are already limited by their operating hours and consumption amounts. The need to limit the activities they may host is unnecessary and frivolous.

I intently believe that AMCO could be investing their resources and regulations towards higher risk hard liquor establishments rather than small, local, and limited tasting rooms.

I appreciate your time and consideration in making Anchorage a modern, vibrant, and most importantly economically sustainable place to live.

Thank you.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [DR Lee](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Ohare Russ](#)  
**Subject:** Tap houses and Brewing companies need your support  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 4:25:50 PM

---

Please support community tap houses and brewing companies. They are wonderful community businesses that give instead of take from our communities and citizens. They host beer dinners and parties, organize events for non profit partners and they do other fund raisers that help build and support our communities. Tap houses and brewing companies are wonderful resources that give revenues and resources to our communities and state.  
Sincerely, Dr. Cynthia Lee O'Hare

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kathy Nielsen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New regulation protest  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 4:26:17 PM

---

With all due respect for the efforts your office makes to provide safe guidelines, please set aside the proposed changes to breweries, distilleries, and wineries. They will restrict the operations of these businesses in such a way that it could destroy their ability to thrive, or even survive. In addition, these regulations provide nothing in the way of providing greater safety to the community.

As a business owner myself for the past 29 years, I'm keenly aware of the role regulation plays in providing guidelines for safe operations. These proposed regulations do not do that!

Reconsider, please. Let commerce thrive.

With earnest sincerity,  
Kathy Nielsen  
Valdez, Alaska

**From:** [Deborah Rudis](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304  
**Date:** Friday, September 06, 2019 2:04:18 PM

---

Good afternoon,

I ask you not to accept the regulatory changes to 3AAC 304. Our local distilleries, breweries, and wineries are important gathering places for our communities. These establishments do not promote heavy drinking (and are prohibited from doing so by the stated drink limits). You don't see drunk people leaving these establishments in contrast to those you see leaving local bars. Rather than promote alcohol abuse, these places help build our community cohesiveness.

I am on the board for a couple of local Non-profit organizations and we greatly appreciate having fund-raising activities at these local-owned and operated establishments.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Deborah Rudis  
4638 River Rd  
Juneau, Alaska  
99801  
907.723.9981



**From:** [Sarah Laurion](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Making anchorage a modern, vibrant, economically stable place to live!  
**Date:** Friday, September 06, 2019 9:33:10 AM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to speak my opinion on the latest announcement regarding the brewery/distillery/cider regulations.

I am in strong support of allowing “other recreational or gaming opportunities” including; festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, and other types of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public, to be allowed in breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Adding such regulations effects much more than the said breweries, distilleries or cideries. It hinders so many other local artisans, creators, and small businesses. With the current state of Alaska’s economy, stifling local business and small artisans should be the last priority of our regulators. Breweries are already limited by their operating hours and consumption amounts. The need to limit the activities they may host is unnecessary and frivolous.

I intently believe that AMCO could be investing their resources and regulations towards higher risk hard liquor establishments rather than small, local, and limited tasting rooms.

I appreciate your time and consideration in making Anchorage a modern, vibrant, and most importantly economically sustainable place to live.

Thank you.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kathryn Anderson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposed changes on definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities  
**Date:** Friday, September 06, 2019 9:17:06 AM

---

Please do not enact these new regulations that would limit what breweries and distilleries can do on premise. The local breweries here in Homer are central to our community. They often hold fundraisers for charities and individuals, arts events, and events that draw tourists. Some of these events would really have no other venue here.

Why are these changes being considered? Perhaps the restaurant industry is pushing for them, to eliminate what they see as competition? Well, here in our small town, probably as in other small towns, the activities of the breweries are not a competition to restaurants and bars. Those entities could do the same if they chose to (and some of them do) – but there is more than enough community need to fulfill, and the breweries do a great community service by sponsoring them.

Please reconsider these changes and let the breweries continue to support their communities.

-Kathy Anderson

Homer, Alaska

**From:** [Michael P. Blair](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulation changes introduced by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board  
**Date:** Friday, September 06, 2019 8:17:08 AM

---

To whom it may concern:

As a citizen of Alaska, I am appalled at the new changes being proposed to breweries and distilleries, by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. The government of Alaska should be helping new businesses survive and thrive. It should also encourage new businesses to become a positive force in their communities. These new regulations are draconian at best, and possibly politically and financially driven at worst. Allowing First Friday events, art shows, public parties, food drives, community fundraising events, running events, and revolving food trucks at breweries/distilleries, does not infringe on the license of bars. This allows the business to become a welcome part of the community, and helps members of the community see what is offered in their communities. I attend the Thursday night Hoodoo run in Fairbanks. This is just a way to get the running community in Fairbanks together. It fosters community. Many runners do not even partake of alcohol at the event. Bars are not offering these events, to the people of Fairbanks. This is good for business, and good for the local community. I urge you to NOT accept these new regulations as proposed.

Sincerely,  
Michael P. Blair  
4031 Parks Ridge Rd  
PO Box 70663  
Fairbanks, AK 99707

**From:** [ArtsofAll APainter](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment: NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 6:26:00 PM

---

Greetings,

The changes proposed by ABC serve only to hinder and harm economic progress, tourism and punish small business, small artists such as myself, and Alaskans as a whole. The change is unnecessary and serves the interests of the few over the many.

The brewery's and their current state offer a unique opportunity, they fill a niche and offer opportunities unavailable elsewhere. Why is their a pressing need to stifle what is fundamentally a great thing for so many stakeholders.

I urge the board to consider their position, and not adopt regulations that serve special interest.

Consider serving the public, small business development as a collective, tourism, artists and industry as whole, by allowing the breweries to continue operating as they have been.

Sincerely,

April Pintor

**From:** [fristoe@alaska.net](mailto:fristoe@alaska.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Bishop, Click \(LEG\)](#); [Coghill, John \(LEG\)](#); [Senator.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov);  
[Representative.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov); [Representative.Bart.LeBon@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Bart.LeBon@akleg.gov); [Thompson, Steve \(LEG\)](#); [Wool, Adam L \(LEG\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed tasting room regulation changes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 5:55:01 PM

---

I am writing to oppose the proposed regulation changes to tasting rooms for breweries and distilleries. The proposal goes way beyond the statute and provide no public safety improvements. They also seem like they are not enforceable. They are very ambiguous besides.

The statute specifically mentions categories that are prohibited. This code change greatly increases that list. For instance how are classes now included? I don't see that in the statute. Public parties is an expansion. I've been in tasting rooms where a birthday is being celebrated. Do all these people need to be removed from the premise? Social gatherings? Really? What if a sports team decides to meet at a tasting room before or after their game? Do all the people in the tasting room have to be strangers? I hope they don't get social. Where do presentations come in? I don't see that in the statute. I don't believe that constitutionally you can prevent a presentation in a public space. What other business has that restriction? I don't see how festivals can be included. They are not mentioned in the statute. What if the cancer society wants to hold a rally for their cause at a tasting room? Is this really illegal? What kind of grinch wrote theses changes?

None of the changes improve public safety and only seem to be in place to prohibit these businesses from being successful. They are draconian without having an affect on how alcohol consumption will occur. Is the control board really going to crack down on a business just because they have a class or presentation on the history of Alaska for instance? Where is the public safety in that? It seems more of a punishment, just for having a class.

The statute also doesn't mention anything about advertising. It sounds like these businesses just aren't allowed to advertise for fear they are promoting social gathering. And who can't advertise? The owners don't have control over who promotes visiting their premise. With today's media all information is available to the general public. The tasting rooms wont be able to advertise the release date of a new product. This seems antibusiness and is not the intent of the statute at all.

The public is embracing tasting rooms and want these kind of establishments as they have been operating. Creating new draconian regulations that damage these businesses without any improvement in public safety is not in the publics interest.

And though not part of the regulation change, I would say that the fact that Alaska limits liquor licenses is creating false markets for these licenses and false competition. Alaska is one of the few states that does limit the number of liquor licenses. Their are better ways of protecting public safety without skewing the whole industry. This is what should be looked into.

Brad Fristoe  
719 Lancaster Dr  
Fairbanks, AK 99712

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Interim:  
Senate District D  
600 E. Railroad Avenue  
Wasilla AK 99654  
Phone: 907-376-4866  
Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov



Session:  
State Capitol, Room 115  
Juneau AK 99801-1182  
Phone: 907-465-3878  
Toll-Free: 800-862-3878  
Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov

---

## Senator David Wilson

---

September 5, 2019

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Public Comment on Proposed 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.

Dear Members of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board:

I write today to provide my views on the proposed new language in 3 AAC 304, Definitions, which is out for public comment through October 4, 2019. As stated, the draft regulations seek to clarify the definition of “other recreational and gaming opportunities” as applied to brewery licensees, distillery licensees, and winery licensees.

My concerns about the proposed regulations, 3 AAC 304.390, fall into three main categories: economy, definition, and process. First, it is important to note small businesses, like Alaska’s distilleries, breweries, and wineries, employ more than half of the workers in the nation and promote economic growth and product innovation. In Alaska, for example, since the passage of House Bill 309 in 2014, the distillery industry has been steadily growing, creating jobs, purchasing local goods and services, and contributing tax revenues to the State and local communities. The artisans and entrepreneurs in these establishments use local ingredients, such as grain, fireweed, rhubarb, berries, and spruce tips, to craft a uniquely Alaskan experience for their patrons.

Secondly, I find some of the wording contained in the proposed regulations to be vague. For example, how are “presentations or performances” in (a)(5) defined? We know tasting rooms and production facilities draw interest from tourists and provide convivial gathering points for locals. Would the proposed regulations have a chilling effect on the tours these businesses conduct? I can think of no other industry that is prohibited from promoting its product in this manner.

Lastly, as you are aware, the Legislature continues to update the statutes in Title 4. I don't see the proposed definition revisions as particularly time-sensitive and would prefer to see the concepts and language being proposed accomplished within the legislative process.

In conclusion, I encourage additional, thoughtful dialogue, with a wider variety of stakeholders, before these regulations are adopted. Holding the ABC meeting in Nome, which is world-renowned for its colorful nightlife and taverns, but where, according to my research, there hasn't been an operating brewery or distillery in over a century, does not, in my view, provide adequate opportunity for a balanced conversation on the economic benefits of Alaska's small craft businesses.

The way Americans consume and enjoy alcoholic beverages is changing; the industry should change with the times. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Wilson

**From:** [Hunter Mallinger](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304.390 Definitions Comment on Draft Regs  
**Date:** Thursday, September 05, 2019 12:39:42 PM

---

Good morning,

It has been brought to my attention recently through social media that AMCO has proposed a regulation-change that would prevent breweries and distilleries from hosting social gatherings advertised to the public. As a Juneau resident, I am here to tell you that I oppose such regulation changes, and believe that they would not only hurt those home-grown businesses, but the non-profits, artists, and other community-improvement efforts that rely on such events (and promotions) to stay afloat in a state that I feel has yet to see its darkest days.

It hurts me to see that AMCO, established to “enforce alcohol and marijuana commerce laws and provide clear, consistent standards for licensure to protect the public from harm,” going to these lengths on the groundless argument that they must differentiate breweries and distilleries from a bar. Let me remind you, bars do not host fundraisers, nor have art shows, nor give brewery tours. They are strictly for profit. Removing the right for breweries and distilleries to promote and host these events will, in essence, diminish the amount of support local artists and campaigns receive to continue pursuing their righteous causes, dreams, and goals for a thriving community, state, nation and world. By taking away these rights, you are committing a constitutionally unjust act that I will not sit down for.

Why, may I ask, does AMCO believe it is harmful to the public to host and advertise such events to promote other locally-grown businesses and non-profits such as Salmon Beyond Borders, who work to protect our home from foreign interests that could care less about damaging the state we love so much?

Why, may I ask, does AMCO believe it is okay to revoke the rights to host these events, of which the breweries and distilleries are giving proceeds directly to the cause for which they are promoting? The only riches they are collecting lay within the fundamentally good deed they are doing for the community, and not within the monetary gain as a result of these events, like bars do I may add.

If we are going to try to redefine anything, allow me to make a suggestion:

Let us redefine what it is to be “American” during a time in our nation’s history that has seen negative discourse on a level like never before. Let us redefine what it is to be a strong, loving



and vibrant community, that cherishes every citizen no matter the race, color, creed, or belief, through positive discourse and social architecture. Let us continue to set the standard as the greatest capitol city in the nation not just for our natural beauty and overall wealth, but the beautiful souls that live here, and what we will all do to support each other through the good times, and the bad. By passing this new definition, you are reversing progress, and in no way, shape or form, protecting the public.

Respectfully,

Hunter L. Mallinger,  
907-209-2676

**From:** [Judy Rae Smith](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** NO MORE RESTRICTIONS on breweries  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 4:13:19 PM

---

I am a 48 year resident of Fairbanks, and though I'm not a beer drinker I have visited local beer breweries. I believe they and other distilleries are governed sufficiently to be safe, excellent businesses. We cannot afford to discourage any new businesses in these harsh economic times, and I feel your plans to further restrict their business is unsound, punitive, and wrong!! Please do not further restrict distillery business.

They contribute greatly to our local economy as well as provide safe, controlled social sites for our community. I am concerned that the plans to restrict their business is prompted by other alcohol selling business looking to restrict their competition. That would be totally against the philosophy of private enterprise, wouldn't it?

Judy Rae Smith  
P.O. Box 81071  
Fairbanks, AK 99708  
907-455-6860

**From:** [Jason Keedy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 4:13:16 PM

---

It seems every month there's a new, made-up hurdle for distilleries and breweries here in Juneau. These places have revitalized our downtown and promote a healthy social hub for events and gatherings. Juneau wants you to leave these places alone. They've agreed to reg's already in place so why make up new ones?

Do not pass this and further dampen these thriving businesses, thus declining our town.

Jason Keedy  
Juneau, AK

**From:** [Jennifer Youngberg](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Brewery Restrictions  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 2:13:07 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose any more restrictions on local brewery licenses.

How come Alaska is so against small business development? When these brewery's went into business and bought their licenses they knew they had to operate under ridiculous restrictions, how now can you limit them any further? Doing so could cost some their businesses, is this the reputation Alaska needs putting small business out of business?

People in the lower 48 are completely perplexed by the rules put on breweries in Alaska as it is.

Please support local small business and do not hamper them any further.

Thank You  
Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Chris Fischer](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** events at breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 12:52:53 PM

---

I read with some dismay today that your board is considering curtailing or banning various kinds of events at breweries and distilleries. I'm not sure where you all may have gotten the impression that the citizens of Alaska need or desire regressive "blue laws" from a bygone era but I assure you we do not. Adults should be able to make their own decisions about what events they attend and where they are held. We don't need the nanny state doing it for us. Please do not penalize local businesses for no good reason.

I would add that although the AP seems aware of this, I was unable to find anything on your own website about it on the page specifically for notifying the public about comment periods. That seems like a big failure to meet the basic requirements for a public comment period.

Chris Fischer  
Homer, Alaska

**From:** [Gmail](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Questions  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 11:12:14 AM

---

To Whom it may Concern,

I have recently heard that AMCO is considering new laws that would, to an even greater extent than now, limit Alaska's micro breweries activities. I have some questions to this regard. First off, is it true that the new laws in question would prohibit microbreweries from hosting activities such as free brewery tours, classes, public gatherings, and other community bonding events? I've spent time in Colorado, Washington, and Oregon visiting numerous micro breweries. I have been proud to say we have a great scene in Alaska, which surprises many of my lower 48 friends. These microbreweries have created a wonderful environment here in Alaska for people to meet and build community. My next question is, why would you want to limit their ability to do business? Most of these breweries are run by people that have a passion for the beer, and make just enough money off that beer to stay in business. Why would AMCO place more restrictions on the already highly regulated business? Has there been problems that lead to these new regulations? Are they impacting the community in negative ways? I may be bias because I very much enjoy these establishments; that's why I ask you, what or who has spurred the idea of more regulations for microbreweries? As a concerned citizen, I hope you can take the time to answer some of my questions.

Lawrence Buskirk  
Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.  
USCG Licensed Chief Mate Unl.  
SrDPO  
Cell # (409) 392-4272  
[larry.buskirk@gmail.com](mailto:larry.buskirk@gmail.com)

**From:** [Brian O'Sullivan](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO to prohibit craft breweries/distilleries /wineries from hosting gatherings  
**Date:** Monday, September 02, 2019 8:59:54 AM

---

Dear AMCO

Lifelong Alaskan here. Extremely confused about this new AMCO ruling about craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries being barred from hosting gatherings.

Seriously what is the problem?

Can you please justify why banning gatherings in these places is a good idea or fair?

Can you please justify how an artist showcasing their work on First Friday at a brewery hurts anyone in any way?

Or can you please justify how a local nonprofit hosting an event in a distillery is bad for the community or unfair to anyone?

If not, please cease this erroneous proposed change to the definition of "Other gaming/recreational opportunities"

The above mentioned activities aren't gaming or recreation, if anything they philanthropy from these businesses giving back to their communities.

Philanthropy that you want to stop for reasons that are, at the present moment, unjustifiable.

Being able to go out in the afternoon to a discussion at a distillery about salmon habitat or to a winery to see a friend display their art is a GOOD thing. It also is far from a bar activity like trivia or darts. They aren't related in anyway and attending the above mentioned examples of events doesn't take away businesses from bars.

What you're proposing government overreach, which is something Alaskans are NOT into, if you haven't noticed.

Please stop harassing these businesses and back to your actual job.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Brian

## **Tsalteshi Trails Association**

### **Resolution No. 2019-01**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TSALTESHI TRAILS ASSOCIATION TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD OPPOSING NEW DEFINITIONS FOR 'RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES' AS PROPOSED BY SECTION 3 ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AAC 304.390.**

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute AS 04.11.130 allows breweries to sell up to 36 ounces per person for consumption on premises contingent on the prohibition of on-site live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities; and

WHEREAS, proposed section 3 AAC 304.390 would define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" to include festivals, games and competitions, classes, non-private parties, presentations or performers, or other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public; and

WHEREAS, both Tsalteshi Trails Association and Kenai River Brewing Company are based in Soldotna, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Kenai River Brewing Company's production of Tsalteshi-specific nonprofit beer lines and corresponding public launch events have consistently been a highly effective form of fundraising for Tsalteshi Trails Association; and

WHEREAS, Kenai River Brewing Company's tasting room has periodically served as a meeting venue for Tsalteshi Trails Association committees and other administrative purposes of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Kenai River Brewing Company's tasting room has provided a community-oriented public space for Tsalteshi Trails Association users to come together for awards ceremonies and celebration following races and other local events on Tsalteshi Trails Association's trail system; and

WHEREAS, Tsalteshi Trails Association currently lacks its own facilities or ability to secure similar indoor space for its members to gather elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Kenai River Brewing Company has been a long-time financial supporter of Tsalteshi Trails Association and other local nonprofit agencies; and

WHEREAS, AS 04.06.100 tasks the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board with adopting regulations that are "necessary to carry out the purpose of this title [*Title 4 – Alcoholic Beverages*] in a manner that will protect the public health, safety, and welfare;" and

WHEREAS, an overly encompassing definition of "other recreational or gaming opportunities" as referenced in proposed section 3 AAC 304.390 provides no additional public health, safety, or welfare benefit while harming Tsalteshi Trails Association's ability to provide and maintain a pristine local trail system beneficial to the health and well being of the local community.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
TSALTESHI TRAILS ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1.** Tsalteshi Trails Association respectfully requests that the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board not adopt section 3 AAC 304.390 as proposed.

**Section 2.** The Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board fully consider potential impacts to local nonprofits and community groups with any future regulatory changes in relation to Title 4.

PASSED BY THE TSALTESHI TRAILS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, this  
4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Beeson', is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Beeson, Board Chair

**From:** [Sawyer, Jane Preston \(CED\)](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please do not adopt AAC 304.390!  
**Date:** Friday, September 06, 2019 3:13:39 PM

---

---

**From:** John Christensen <jscfacetime21@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** CED AMCO REGS (CED sponsored) <amco.regs@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Please do not adopt AAC 304.390!

Please please do not adopt AAC 304.390! Breweries and distilleries are places of enjoyment. Beer and music go hand in hand. Brewer's tour give patrons an insight into how breweries make their favorite beers.

If anything what AAC 304.390 is saying is that breweries and distilleries and cideries don't deserve to be the lifeblood and gathering place that they are. AAC 304.390 actually breaks community. Communities will gather in these places and then leave them to go have actual fun. If anything, do the opposite and make it EASIER for breweries, distilleries, and cideries to have live music, games, and other community events.

Alaska won't stop drinking it's local drinks. Please do your part to support local artisanal, local business, and local community environments.

Sincerely,  
John Christensen

\*\*\*“Dark times lie ahead of us and there will be a time when we must choose between what is easy and what is right.” - Albus Dumbledore\*\*

**From:** [Akskans](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New liquor regs for breweries.  
**Date:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 9:30:40 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to speak my opinion on the latest announcement regarding the brewery/distillery/cider regulations.

I am in strong support of allowing "other recreational or gaming opportunities" including; festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, and other types of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public, to be allowed in breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Adding such regulations effects much more than the said breweries, distilleries or cideries. It hinders so many other local artisans, creators, and small businesses. With the current state of Alaska's economy, stifling local business and small artisans should be the last priority of our regulators. Breweries are already limited by their operating hours and consumption amounts. The need to limit the activities they may host is unnecessary and frivolous.

I intently believe that AMCO could be investing their resources and regulations towards higher risk hard liquor establishments rather than small, local, and limited tasting rooms.

I appreciate your time and consideration in making Anchorage a modern, vibrant, and most importantly economically sustainable place to live.

Thank you.

Steven Lewis

**From:** [Anthony Provost](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov); [Giessel, Cathy \(LEG\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alcohol Beverage Control Board 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 7:00:05 PM

---

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office:

The proposed regulation changes for breweries in Alaska makes no sense other than to cause harm to these businesses. The breweries contribute to our communities when they host events for non-profits and cultural events such as brewery tours and musical performances. I am opposed to this regulation that would prevent (1) festivals; (2) games and competitions; (3) classes; (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests; (5) presentations or performances; (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

Please take this proposed regulation change and put it in the trash, where it belongs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anthony Provost  
District 28 - N

**From:** [Cindy Rainey-Bell](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC904.390  
**Date:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 5:28:46 PM

---

Hello,

I'm writing in regards to the proposed interpretation of entertainment, specifically how it pertains to what taprooms can/cannot do in their business. I think the local brewery provides great service, a quality product, & generosity to the community. We are in support of breweries/taprooms being allowed to attend/participate/sell at many of the venues you are trying to exclude. I really can't see any benefit to excluding them, except to other restaurants & bars. Shouldn't the taprooms be allowed to enjoy the benefits that restaurants & bars do? Let's encourage the small businesses, let's play fair but please, please don't bring more unnecessary regulations.

Cindy Rainey-Bell  
[cbell32117@gmail.com](mailto:cbell32117@gmail.com)  
907-252-1242

36745 Jim Dahler Rd.  
Soldotna, AK 99669

I am writing to urge the board to resist political pressure to restrict Alaskan breweries and distilleries in all the ways you are now proposing.

The current renaissance in new businesses that create craft beers and distilled spirits is helping to change the culture of how we share a drink together in our state. The reason these new business are experiencing such enthusiastic success is because they are offering something we have not seen before. These community-anchored businesses give us an opportunity to gather together and enjoy a beer or a cocktail in a safe and celebratory environment. For the most part, they are businesses that collaborate with, and contribute to, many other profit and nonprofit organizations, as well as individuals and causes that are valued in their respective towns and cities. They are helping to deepen relationships and they are creating richer communities by hosting art shows and markets, collaborating with other vendors, and they are sponsoring fund raising events for causes important to the community.

All of this success with limited hours and 3 ounces of alcohol per person.

What you don't see in these tasting rooms is excessive alcohol consumption, drugged drinks, and violence.

If the board's main purpose is to:

*Enforce alcohol and marijuana commerce laws and provide clear, consistent standards for licensure to protect the public from harm.*

Then, by restricting distilleries and breweries, it is my opinion you are doing neither.

Alaska has a destructive and troubled relationship with alcohol. Statistics you are well aware of, have crippled our state for as long as any of us can remember. These young producers are creating not only a product and market which benefit our state economically, but they are also producing a healthy culture in communities long troubled by the effects of alienation and addiction. Lonely drinking with poor company, or none at all, leads to excessive imbibing. There is plenty of recent research that points to the fact that inclusion and community helps to protect individuals from addiction.\* The Alcohol Board should be supporting and encouraging these vital, healthy, community based businesses, not discouraging them.

*\*TED TALK: Everything You Think Know About Addiction is Wrong, Johann Hari*

I encourage the board to rethink the restrictions you are imposing and to reexamine the intent of the legislature.

Marta Lastufka  
135 W. 2nd Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

**From:** [Elijah Wamack](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
**Date:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 1:03:35 PM

---

The proposed changes are ludicrous and represent a single sided argument to stifle future growing businesses. There isn't a town with a tasting room/distillery without a bar, and it's patronage represents a choice by the customer to NOT visit said bar. There is no evidence that the proposed regulations increase public safety, or the same proposals should apply equally to bars.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [cvh72@yahoo.com](mailto:cvh72@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries  
**Date:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 11:47:32 AM

---

Please reconsider restricting breweries any more than they already are.

The argument that they are stealing business from the bars is ridiculous. It's 2 different types of people. The majority of the people that go to breweries do not frequent bars. Even if they did the breweries already have to close at 8 whereas bars do not even get going until at least 10.

The restrictions at breweries are already beyond the scope of what the government should be able to tell people what they can and cannot do!

What good comes from stifling a up and coming industry to protect bar businesses that over serve customers nightly?

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Jacob Cole](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 11:30:20 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

I feel the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390 are unnecessary and only further limit already very limited local breweries and distilleries . These changes would limit a lot of events many people, including myself, enjoy and participate in, which in turn would affect supporting local charities, businesses, and artists. Our economy is already struggling, supporting local businesses and allowing them to host games, dance, talks, and other events is great for many aspects of our local economy. The system in place is already very strict on what they cannot do. There is no need to limit it even further. Current events are not causing noticeable problems, and it's all legal. Why change it? As a citizen of Alaska I ask you to reconsider the proposed changes. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jacob Cole  
8161B Williwa Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99504

--

Best regards,

Jacob Cole

**From:** [melissa thompson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes  
**Date:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 11:09:07 AM

---

To whom it may concern,

I feel these proposed changes 3 AAC 304.390 are unnecessary and only further limited already very limited local breweries. These changes would limit a lot of events many local people enjoy and participate in, which in turn would affect supporting local charities, businesses, and artists. Our economy is already struggling, supporting local businesses and allowing them to host games, dance, talks, and other events is great for many aspects of our local economy. The system in place is already very strict on what they cannot do. There is no need to limit it even further. It's not causing any problems, it's all legal so why change it? It's a system that works perfectly already just the way it is, so let it be. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Thompson  
[ent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [tim.mcdonough](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulation change for Craft Breweries and Distilleries  
**Date:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 10:31:00 AM

---

To Whom it may Concern at the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office:

I am writing with my concerns about hearing regulations governing events that can take place at breweries and distilleries might change and exclude a number of very positive activities in our community. I have enjoyed numerous community events at both our local craft brewery and distillery. They have included board meetings of nonprofit organizations I am a member of, great art displays of local artists at monthly First Friday activities, and a general family friendly place to gather socially and enjoy sharing conversations with a diverse cross section of our town.

Please don't restrict craft breweries and distilleries of this very positive influence they bring to our community.

Sincerely,  
Tim McDonough  
PO Box 951  
Haines, AK 99827

**From:** [Jackie's Google](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Recommended changes to the regulations for local breweries  
**Date:** Sunday, September 08, 2019 7:52:42 AM

---

Dear Sir:

Some of the most civic minded businesses in our state are these breweries, they bring not only jobs, but also actively give back to the community in terms of events that build community and that raise funds for events we care about. Are the other establishments with liquor licenses participating in the community in the same way? Each has its own place in our day-to-day life, the regulations proposed look like a business effort to limit competition – I'd need far better reasons than those put forward so far to understand these new regs as anything different.

I respectfully ask that you vote against these regs and allow us to enjoy all types of drinking establishments and allow each to participate in our community as they feel lead. I'm a full-time, voting resident on the Kenai Peninsula.

Thank you,

Jacqueline Smith  
279 Redwood Ct  
Soldotna, AK



Virus-free. [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

**From:** [Shane Francis](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting craft breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 8:19:23 PM

---

The local distilleries in Juneau are some of the best places to meet people, and the events they've hosted have made me feel a lot more at home in this Alaskan community.

Please reconsider and let us have our fun.

Sent from my phone, typos not intended.

**From:** [Emily Timm](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed regulations  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 5:03:34 PM

---

Breweries and distilleries are places of free speech including art, tours, fundraisers and more. It would be an extreme let down to have these bogus regulations be in effect. I extremely OPPOSE the proposed regulations.

**From:** [Todd Grant](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Refrain from limiting distilleries and breweries.  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 4:54:51 PM

---

Please do not adopt the proposed regulations.

Don't let the local bars (Triangle Bar and The Narrows) influence your decision. Stay within your charter.

Todd Grant

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dan Busch](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [info@alaskanspirits.com](mailto:info@alaskanspirits.com)  
**Subject:** Proposed Brewery and Distillery Regulation Changes  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 3:57:41 PM

---

Dear Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

This is to let you know that I am completely against the proposed modifications to regulations concerning breweries and distilleries.

The people who stop by a brewery or distillery to have a drink and socialize are not the same ones who will go sit in a bar. We all did not stop going to a bar to go to the brewery when it opened because we were not going to a bar in the first place. There is almost no significant competition to bars from these folks.

The gatherings that occur at the breweries and/or distilleries would for the most part never happen at a local bar. These happen now because there is donated space and an atmosphere with no pressure to purchase drink. Local non-profit and charity organizations would not hold the same events in a bar.

Do not limit our local non-profits and charities with this ridiculous proposal, and do not punish those of us who prefer this type of atmosphere over a bar.

Sincerely,  
Dan Busch  
Kodiak, Alaska



**From:** [Suzanne Richards](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Purposed Changes in Regulations  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 3:54:32 PM

---

To The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board,

I am writing to state that I am not in support of the purposed changes for distilleries and breweries as outlined in the article in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, dated Thursday August 29, 2019.

I do not believe that these establishments are in direct competition with bars and that creating such limiting use regulations is harmful to business. A bar has longer hours, more days of operation, more available activities and a different scope of interest than does a brewery or distillery.

I understand that... 'changes have been proposed in order to "Better reflect the legislative intent that these licenses are manufacturers, not retailers," according to Erika McConnell.' (FDNM, Th., August 29, 2019). I interpret this statement to mean that the item sold (alcohol) is made at the brewery/distillery, and sold (not made) at a bar. That doesn't address why selling a small quantity on the already limited days allowed has to have all these other regulations attached. Limitations such as, advertising options, art, tours, information and education, seem to be punitive and not logical from a business point of view. Perhaps limitations for bars based on the fact that alcohol is only sold, not made on the premises should be taken into consideration. That seems equally as logical under these policies.

Mostly, it seems there is plenty of room for all of the businesses in this genre. I would suggest that a real hard, good look be put into the reason behind these proposals. It seems to me to be created out of fear of the impact on the bar owners, and not anything to do with public safety or the overall economic welfare of a community. .

Thank you for considering my input.

Suzanne Richards  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**From:** [Randy Busch](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [info@alaskanspirits.com](mailto:info@alaskanspirits.com)  
**Subject:** Proposed Brewery and Distillery Regulation Modifications  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 3:49:16 PM

---

Dear Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

This is to let you know that I strongly oppose the proposed modifications to regulations concerning breweries and distilleries. This appears to be pressure by perhaps some bar owners who think that breweries and distilleries are taking business away from them, which is not the case.

Concerning objections to social gatherings at these establishments, it is difficult to see why one set of Alaskans should object to the efforts of other Alaskans to help out local non-profits and charities, etc. Our library association has an annual used book sale at our brewery where the space is donated by the brewery owner, and people can drop in to buy books and make donations to the library. I have attended this many times and have never once purchased a beer at the event or felt that I had to purchase one. With the State of Alaska cutting every charity and non-profit as much as it can, why does it make sense to close yet one more source of fund raising??? None of these organizations would use a bar for this.

My spouse and I enjoy visiting our local brewery occasionally because we like craft beer, especially craft beer that is locally made, and we like the atmosphere in our local brewery. Near the top of their list of things to do while in Kodiak, our visiting family, friends and clients always insist on a stop at the local brewery. Although we do have a drink with a meal at local restaurants, NONE of us would otherwise go to a local bar to have a drink.

The idea that the breweries and distilleries are too much competition for local bars is silly. The patrons of each of these types of businesses are very different. The atmosphere of each place is different, and very few of the patrons of one will trade places with the other. I heard an interview recently with a representative from CHAR, and it did not sound like even they support these additional restrictions.

Breweries and distilleries do not need to purchase a full liquor license, but they do have many thousands of dollars invested in their equipment and premises, plus their hours and consumption amounts are appropriately limited already. Our brewery is located in a downtown that was slowly dying away but it is now a main contributor to attracting locals and tourists downtown.

Who is behind this big push to limit these activities? What do they hope to gain? Don't punish us nor our local non-profits and charities with this mean spirited

proposal.

Sincerely,  
Randy Busch  
Kodiak, Alaska

**From:** [Dustin Craney](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery and Distillery Regulations  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 2:03:17 PM

---

Hello,

I am writing to support the way that breweries and distilleries are currently operating. These businesses are differentiated from bars due to serving limits and hours of operation. As such, they serve an important (and very different) function in our communities than our bars do. In my view, there is no need for further changes/updates to regulations.

In constructing large buildings to support their manufacturing business, our breweries and distilleries have also created great areas for the public to gather. In our area specifically, this has allowed them to support our community while showcasing their products at events like first Fridays and our upcoming local radio station annual meeting. These seem to be ideal compliments to these businesses, making them more valuable to our community and more viable and able to compete with out of state competitors who in many cases have more lenient restrictions.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Dustin Craney  
224 Mt. Riley Rd.  
Haines, AK 99287  
907-314-2001

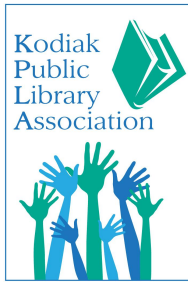
**From:** [mattsoncat](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose the proposed regulation package  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 1:07:18 PM

---

I oppose the suggested regulations. Not allowing pizza nights or presentations or first friday events at the distilary or at devils club is an attack on freedom of speech. These events promote small businesses which will contribute to juneaus economy. I strongly oppose the new regulations.

Catherine mattson

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone



Kodiak Public Library Association

PO Box 1824

Kodiak, AK 99615

[kpla.alaska@gmail.com](mailto:kpla.alaska@gmail.com)

[www.kodiakpubliclibraryassociation.org](http://www.kodiakpubliclibraryassociation.org)

The Kodiak Public Library Association, a non-profit organization, charged with supporting our library through advocacy, fundraising and public outreach wishes to protest the proposed modifications to brewery operations in Alaska. In Kodiak, the Kodiak Island Brewing Company has been a strong partner for fundraising events. We hold yearly used-book sales at the brewery and have benefited greatly from their support.

We applaud our brewery as a central gathering place for the community that has played a big part in the revitalization of the downtown area. When the downtown area is revitalized, other businesses benefit. For instance, there are many artists in town but no gallery to display the art. Therefore, many businesses such as coffee shops, retail shops, and breweries are happy to hang artist's work for our First Friday art event. That is only one example of the social and business enhancement that a brewery should be a part of.

We are happy with the role our brewery plays in the community and see these proposed regulation changes as harming a vibrant business for no valid reason.

Sincerely,

Jan Chatto  
Chairman Kodiak Public Library Association

**From:** [Jayne Michelini](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New Regulations  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 12:17:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [87FF44055B5444E1916A5E2C94F3FBBB.png](#)

---

I am writing today to express my objection to the proposed new regulation for breweries and distillers. I believe this regulation is unfairly targeting small business in favor of large operations and corporations. I believe in the Alaskan spirit we should help the small operators and non-profits to prosper. Please do not stifle growth and entrepreneurship in Alaska.

Thank you for your time.

Jayne Michelini  
Wasilla Alaska  
907 521-6871

Register \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 2019

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND EC. DEV.

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read:

**3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.**

(a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities" includes

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general

public. (Eff. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 04.06.090      AS 04.06.100      AS 04.11.130  
                 AS 04.11.140      AS 04.11.170

---

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



Virus-free. [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

To the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Re: Notice of Proposed Changes on Definitions of Recreational or Gaming Opportunities in the Regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Dated 26 August 2019.

I am the CEO of Grace Ridge Brewing, Inc. I oppose the implementation of the proposed definitions for many reasons. The ones that I believe are the strongest arguments against the change are detailed below:

1. The proposed regulation expands the restraints to free trade. The beverage manufacturing classes are being targeted and prevented from exercising free and open commerce. Every business, to be successful, must become part of the community in which it exists. The proposed definitions restricts the ability of the licensed entity to integrate themselves into those communities.
2. The proposed regulation is not an improvement in definition. The substitution of “other types of organized social gatherings advertised to the general public” is equally as undefined as “other recreational or gaming opportunities.” Games and competitions are not defined.
3. The proposed regulation does not support the purpose of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. There is no increase, or betterment, to the public health, safety, or welfare. The proposal restricts the building of community that has become a staple of the manufacturing sector tasting room business models. Nothing here supports the health, safety, nor welfare of the public.

Business is constantly changing. Social media and what is happening in neighboring states are exerting pressure on the current business landscape. Businesses must adapt to stay alive, and regressive regulations that do not support adaptations to the changes doom business to failure. It could be argued that the restrictions applied to the manufacturing classes in general are a restraint that should be abolished, but that is a constitutional matter greater than the immediate change proposed.

I realize how difficult your job is and thank you for doing it. I encourage you to not adopt the new regulation.

Thank you

Don Stead



You may make comments to this proposed regulation. The comment period ends 4 October 2019.

Email: [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov)

Snail mail: Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

You may make comments to this proposed regulation. The comment period ends 4 October 2019.

Email: [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov)

Snail mail: Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

You may make comments to this proposed regulation. The comment period ends 4 October 2019.

Email: [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov)

Snail mail: Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

You may make comments to this proposed regulation. The comment period ends 4 October 2019.

Email: [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov)

Snail mail: Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**From:** [James Ruppert](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulation concerning tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 10:44:57 AM

---

I opposed these proposed regulations. They are overly restrictive of a new industry that already has adequate limitations on its activities. These proposed regulations smack of an anti-business attitude entrenched in some antiquated sense of propriety.

James Ruppert  
3266 Bluebird Ave  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

**From:** [loinalaska](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 195261  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 10:20:35 AM

---

If proposition 195261 passes, you will be severely restricting the local brewers and breweries in Alaska. I know I will stop attending many breweries, because I enjoy the gatherings they host and that's the primary reason I go. Why does a small board have control over the enjoyment of so many Alaskans, and what are you trying to accomplish by restricting brewers from hosting events. I can assure you that tax revenue will take a hit!!!!

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

**From:** [J Jensen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Opposition to amco regs hating craft breweries  
**Date:** Saturday, September 07, 2019 9:16:40 AM

---

Clarification.... I DO NOT DRINK. I DO NOT SMOKE DOPE. I DO NOT DO DRUGS. I DO NOT SMOKE. I DO NOT AGREE WITH AMCO tightening the regs on Breweries. If anything, I encourage AMCO to loosen regs on craft breweries and tighten regs on liquor stores, hard core bars, dope shops and on street smoking of dope and full blown onstreet intoxication.

This summer I saw a raven dragging another raven down Front street in Juneau from the Viking Bar by the other raven's foot at 7am like it had been out drinking all night. Like the raven, I've had enough of blight the old school bars and liquor stores bring to our community. It is time for change, but not the change AMCO is pursuing. Let us choose life!!!

Thanks,  
Elisabeth Jensen  
9349 Center Court  
Juneau Alaska 99801

On Sat, Sep 7, 2019, 8:47 AM J Jensen <[juneaujensens@gmail.com](mailto:juneaujensens@gmail.com)> wrote:

Greetings,

I DO NOT DRINK or do smoke dope or do any drugs!! So you'd think I'd agree with your foolish regs. However, I don't and feel they have become lopsided and am not sure who you are trying to serve beyond the full winos!!

I was recently made aware of a current proposal by AMCO to redefine and/or propose new and additional regulations to prohibit craft breweries, distilleries and wineries from hosting gatherings such as fundraisers, art exhibits, makers markets, etc.

I STRONGLY oppose this action by AMCO. As a resident of Juneau, I greatly appreciate what Amalga Distillery, Devil's Club Brewery and Barnaby Brewing have added to our small community. These LOCAL businesses have greatly enhanced the downtown experience and are a primary reason that I see a resurgence in ordinary locals with jobs spending time in the downtown area after work. This new vibrance has created a renaissance zone without the incentives so often offered by municipalities to do so. The buzz and life this new crowd brings does wonders for warding away the dark, angry, hammered alcohol and drug induced hard core crowd until later in the evening. This extends the ability for all of us, locals, tourists, workers, families, social drinkers and even abstainers to enjoy our communities while we linger longer and contribute to our community, our economy and each other instead of holing away in our homes contributing to GCI's bottom line online.

It feels like bars and winos are threatened by Juneau's successful, new craft breweries and distillery and rather than improve their own business to effectively compete for patrons and cut them off so hatcore drinkers can sober up a bit to get to work the next day; it seems their desired path forward is to assume the victim role and attack. It's pretty pathetic behavior and only galvanizes potential patrons' reluctance to visit them.

As a state on the brink of economic collapse, it seems like AMCO would SUPPORT the successful businesses that are our local breweries, distilleries and wineries as opposed to attacking them in a very transparent way. This is shameful behavior and I hope AMCO will change course.

On a side note, I wish AMCO would decrease the prominence of marijuana storefronts in Juneau! This dope shop on every block is INSANE, and the fact that I can't get through a day in my downtown office without having the dope odor filling my office space or cross my walking / driving path shows me AMCO's efforts and trajectory are in need of total adjustment. Please change your focus away from the breweries and tighten the dope rules and enforcement before we become another Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,  
Elisabeth Jensen  
[Juneaujensens@gmail.com](mailto:Juneaujensens@gmail.com)  
9349 Center court  
Juneau alaska 99801

**From:** [beverlychurchill51@gmail.com](mailto:beverlychurchill51@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Revisions to Title 4  
**Date:** Friday, September 06, 2019 5:02:47 PM

---

Dear Commissioners,

I am merely a layman, not involved with the sales of alcohol at all. But I have learned of the concerns and changes regarding the appearance of tasting rooms as new businesses arise in the state.

It does highlight the fact that we have outgrown the old system of alcohol licenses. Personally I do not think we need any more places selling more alcohol, but I do think that with reasonable limits that breweries, wineries, and distilleries should be able to sell a certain amount of their products onsite.

Certainly there are wineries all over the west coast that have such tasting rooms. It is time to update the state's regulations and in so doing they should take into account these new businesses and their ability to do business without competing unduly with other venues.

I have encouraged my legislators to take this up at the next legislative session.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Churchill

**From:** [Verna Giani](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation Changes  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 9:45:59 AM

---

ABC Board,

I am writing you on behalf of our small family business that operates here in Alaska. We have become aware of a proposed change to the current ABC regulations that would prohibit and severely limit the use of local breweries for public events. This cannot happen. The events that these small breweries hold in the heart of our communities is a vital part of the artisan culture, and for many their livelihood. My brother and sister in law solely live and survive off of the proceeds from their craft and need these opportunities to be successful. It is also important for these brew houses to engage with the community to further their own growth.

On a side note many of these brewmasters donate to and support so many local charities and youth programs that would otherwise have diminished funding.

Please reconsider the proposed changes and allow these small businesses to thrive!

Verna Giani  
907-355-7161



**From:** [Xinther Elysium](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries, New Regulation  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 11:01:53 AM

---

Hello, my name is Kevin Kessler.  
Anchorage, AK

I would like to state my opinion that I am against the further restrictions against the local breweries and distilleries. My argument is founded upon a number of issues:

- 1) I feel that restricting the events, activities, and otherwise social gatherings at local breweries and distilleries stifles community engagement, networking, and gatherings. With the already restrictive laws in place the people who would choose to go out to these places will simply stay at home not support the businesses, therefore limiting the available capital. This further restricts possible business opportunities from occurring because the people who might have met at mutual gathering places shall be isolated.
- 2) These restrictive community engagement measures will then restrict economic growth by preventing people from meeting, organizing, supporting, and otherwise allowing business to occur and capital to be gained. If there is limited space and time for people to meet the economic growth will be stifled without the opportunity for networking and shared ideas.
- 3) The economy will further be stifled because the businesses that these measures will support are the already established business models, investors, and supporters. These business have a model already formed and do not seek completely new models of investing and activity, therefore protecting their own interests and funneling all possible profit into themselves. These businesses, already being established, will offer limited job opportunities, limited growth only within their defined models, and limited product advancement since the established products are already being produced in a controlled autocracy.
- 4) These measures are anti-capitalistic. Capitalism is defined by an open-market competition wherefore products are improved and prices kept at an equitable level by innovation, growing markets, and consumer choice. By limiting events, restricting available capital, stifling community involvement, and restricting business opportunity to these new and expanding businesses and business models you are enacting anti-capitalistic agendas and choking the free-market system in favor of established models, therefore creating false monopolies and placing government control in consumer choice.
- 5) Product advancement and quality will also suffer. Without the needed profit and capital investment the products for consumption will stifle within the already established systems of production created by the larger companies, already successful. There is no need for larger, established, business to radically change their product because by doing so they risk losing expected profit margins and alienating investors. Therefore, as part of the capitalistic enterprise, new business with less to lose are a vital piece to innovation and quality improvement. By limiting available capital to new businesses the only option is to support established business, therefore demonizing change and quality improvement.

For these reasons I believe the measures open for debate limiting events at local breweries and distilleries will negatively impact our community, economy, and capital market place. By

enacting these laws you are restricting community engagement, business opportunity, and available jobs. You state that you side with government control over free-market competition while stifling quality improvement by siding with established models.

Simply, these laws are interfering with capitalistic advancement and hurting the economy. The measures against gaming, consumption, and business hours already in place against local breweries and distilleries have hurt these entrepreneurs; please don't further cause injury by siding against the free-market.

Thank You for your time,  
Kevin Kessler

**From:** [Alana Martin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Letter against Alcohol Board regulation  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 11:30:12 AM

---

To Whom it May Concern:

Please allow this letter to serve as my strong encouragement to the Alcohol and Marijuana Board to revisit the proposed modifications to the State Law regarding onsite activities for breweries. Given current economic struggles within the state small business owners have bridged the gap that in the past big business have provided for fundraising options in our area.

As a committee member and volunteer for the Kenai Peninsula Relay for Life, the main fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, I am confident that without support from small businesses, such as The Kenai River Brewing Company, our fundraising goals would not be met. Not only did KRB host our survivor dinner, but they additionally hosted my secondary fundraiser, The Brewery to Bathroom .5k "The Race For the Rest of Us" raising in two hours over \$5,500 to support cancer research and patients fighting.

As a community member my family and I spend a great deal of time at Kenai River Brewing Company, and I've never once drank alcohol on the premises. My family attended the Root Beer Run this past weekend, which in cooperation with KRB supported our local Hospice of the Central Peninsula. If KRB were to lose the ability to be a safe haven for community events and fundraisers our community and the fundraising community would be greatly negatively impacted.

Please take into account the current financial climate and speak to local fundraising organizations before you move forward with these modifications. I strongly believe the ripple down effect from these changes to statute would be devastating to our community and others like it.

Please see the attached news article regarding the .5k Race and the importance of these events that would absolutely not occur without the support of Kenai River Brewing Company.

<https://www.peninsulaclarion.com/news/5k-brewery-to-bathroom-winner-the-fight-against-cancer/>

Thank you,  
Alana Martin

**From:** [Mark Battaion](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Further regulation of breweries  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 1:37:29 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I frequent the Haines Brewery in Haines, Alaska and are disturbed to learn that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is proposing to place further regulation on Alaska breweries, making it impossible for them to host parties, meetings, presentations, etc. This is absurd.

Haines is a small rural community with a population of approximately 2500. We do not have a comfortable, inviting public place in our community where residents (and out-of-town folks) can meet casually or for specific purposes such as birthday celebrations, non-profit organizational meetings, art exhibits, etc. The Haines Brewery has filled this niche by opening their doors to people from all walks of life and political affiliations while providing a welcoming atmosphere for all, families included. The brewery has had a positive impact on our community, bringing people together and fostering civility. If the proposed regulations are adopted, we will lose this all-important, small event venue.

We simply cannot understand why these proposed changes are even being considered.

Sincerely,

Kristin Hathhorn  
Mark Battaion  
8 Mile Mud Bay Rd.  
Haines, AK 99827

LAW OFFICES OF  
**NIELSEN, BROMAN & KOCH, P.L.L.C.**

OF COUNSEL

BRECK C. TOSTEVIN†

K. CAROLYN RAMAMURTI††

THE DENNY BUILDING  
2200 SIXTH AVENUE, SUITE 1250  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98121

Telephone (206) 623-2373 Facsimile (206) 260-7036  
www.NWATTORNEY.NET

† ADMITTED IN WASHINGTON STATE & ALASKA

†† ADMITTED IN WASHINGTON STATE

---

September 1, 2019

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600  
Anchorage AK 99501

Re: Notice of Proposed Changes On Definitions of Recreational or Gaming  
Opportunities in The Regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control  
Board; Project #2019200673

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am providing these comments on your proposed regulation concerning Brewery, Winery, and Distillery Tasting Rooms. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in Alaska and Washington State. I am a resident of Seattle, Washington. I own property in Talkeetna, Alaska and I travel to Alaska regularly to enjoy Alaska's fine craft beer, mead, cider and distilled spirits in the tasting rooms of these establishments.

Tourist visits to these Alaska businesses is an important part of the tourism economy in many of Alaska's communities. Alaska has a reputation for excellence throughout the nation and the world as reflected by Alaska beer sales on Tavour and Alaska breweries' ratings on online forums such as Untapped, Beer Advocate, and member surveys of the American Homebrewers Association. As a National Beer Judge with the Beer Judge Certification Program, I agree that Alaska's breweries, meaderies and cider works are deserving of this national recognition.

Prior to moving to Seattle, I was a resident of Alaska for nearly thirty years and have seen the growth of the craft beer, wine and distilled spirit businesses in Alaska. I am familiar with the history of the laws and regulations governing these entities. I have been a part of the brewing community as a former President and past board member of the Great Northern Brewers, a non-profit organization of homebrewers in the Anchorage area. I

AMCO

SEP 05 2019

September 1, 2019

also served as an assistant attorney general in the Alaska Department of Law for some 28 years and have reviewed and advised on many pieces of legislation and regulations.

With this background, I can clearly state that the proposed regulation makes little sense as a matter of policy – either as a regulatory or economic matter – but more fundamentally, that the proposed regulation has substantial legal problems. As I explain below in more detail, the proposed regulation is inconsistent with statute, unconstitutionally vague and ambiguous and, as written, violates the Alaska Constitution’s protections for freedom of expression and association. I ask that you withdraw the proposed regulation.

- I. The Proposed Regulation Violates AS 44.62.060 because it is Inconsistent with AS 04.11.130(e)(1), AS 04.11.170(e)(1) and 3 AAC 304.380 Under the Canon of Interpretation Known as *Ejusdem Generis*: When a general term follows specific terms, the general term “will be interpreted in light of the characteristics of the specific terms, absent clear indication to the contrary.”

The Alaska Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) establishes the procedures for adoption of agency regulations. AS 44.62.030 provides that an agency regulation must be “consistent with the statute and reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose of the statute.” *See also* AS 04.06.100. AS 44.62.060 governing the preparation and filing of regulations provides that

(b) In the performance of duties under AS 44.62.125, the Department of Law shall advise the agencies on legal matters relevant to the adoption of regulations and may advise the agencies on the need for and the policy involved in particular regulations. In addition, the department shall prepare a written statement of approval or disapproval after each regulation has been reviewed in order to determine

(1) its legality, constitutionality, and consistency with other regulations;

(2) the existence of statutory authority and the correctness of the required citation of statutory authority following each section;

(3) its clarity, simplicity of expression, and absence of possibility of misapplication;

AMCO

SEP 05 2019



(4) compliance with the drafting manual for administrative regulations.

3 AAC 304.390 is a proposed definition of a general term in AS 04.11.130(e)(1), AS 04.11.170(e)(1), and 3 AAC 304.380 which prohibits “other recreational or gaming opportunities” in a brewery, distillery, or winery tasting room. The tasting room may sell samples of its product if it

does not allow live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities on the premises where the consumption occurs.

(emphasis added). As the Alaska Supreme Court has explained:

Under the interpretive canon *ejusdem generis*, when a general term follows specific terms, the general term “will be interpreted in light of the characteristics of the specific terms, absent clear indication to the contrary.” *City of Kenai v. Friends of Recreation Ctr., Inc.*, 129 P.3d 452, 459 (Alaska 2006) (quoting *West v. Umialik Ins. Co.*, 8 P.3d 1135, 1141 (Alaska 2000)); *ejusdem generis*, BLACK’S LAW DICTIONARY (10th ed. 2014) (“A canon of construction holding that when a general word or phrase follows a list of specifics, the general word or phrase will be interpreted to include only items of the same class as those listed.”).

*State v. Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest*, 436 P.3d 984, 995-96 (Alaska 2019).

Consequently, the term “other recreational or gaming opportunities” in AS 04.11.130(e)(1) and .170(e)(1) must be interpreted to have the characteristics of the specific terms “live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, [and] game tables.”

The specific terms of the statutes prohibit games, televisions, and dancing at tasting rooms. “Live entertainment” is not defined in statute but the plain meaning of the term is limited to things like live music or entertainment by performers. *See* Miriam Webster “Definition of entertainment, 1a : amusement or diversion

provided especially by performers // hired a band to provide entertainment; b: something diverting or engaging: such as (1) : a public performance.”

The proposed regulation would expand the prohibitions contained in statute far beyond games and live entertainment by performers to “festivals,” “classes,” “parties,” “presentations,” and “other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.” These proposed prohibitions do not have the characteristics of games or live music or entertainment by performers. Consequently, the proposed definition is inconsistent with statute and violates AS 44.62.030 and .060. It must be withdrawn.

There is no indication that the Alaska Legislature intended to prohibit the recreational activities that are inherently part of a tasting room: social gathering and education focused on the sampling of the product made by the brewery, winery or distillery. The legislative history of the prohibitions on tasting rooms indicates that traditional bar owners did not want unfair competition from tasting rooms. The bar owners did not want tasting rooms to have dancing, live performers, bands, pool tables, video games, bar games, and televisions. In addition, the statutes put limits on hours of operation and the amount of product that could be served at a tasting room. There is no Legislative intent that brewers could not make presentations at their tasting rooms, or host social events to promote their product. These are legitimate functions of a tasting room.

To adopt the new limitations proposed in 3 AAC 305.390 would destroy the division of the roles of bars and tasting rooms set up by the Legislature. Alaska would be best served by allowing bars and tasting rooms to flourish in their delineated roles. The proposed regulation attempts to prevent tasting rooms from functioning as they were intended: to allow breweries, wineries and distilleries to educate the public about their product and to allow tasting and limited sales at their establishments. Presentations about the product, classes educating people about the product, or social gatherings to promote the product are all within the legitimate role of tasting rooms throughout the country. The proposed regulation is both misguided and illegal under Alaska law.

II. The Terms Proposed in 3 AAC 304.390(a)(1)-(6) Are Unconstitutionally Vague and Ambiguous.

The proposed regulation does not define the terms festivals, classes, parties, presentations or organized social gatherings. These terms are hopelessly broad and

AMCO

SEP 05 2019



vague. Like the term “pollution” in *Stock v. State*, 526 P.2d 3, 7-12 (Alaska 1974), these terms -- without further definition -- do not give a tasting room adequate warning as to what is prohibited. Consequently, they violate AS 44.62.030, .060, and the due process provisions of the Alaska Constitution.

A festival could include advertising a Fresh Hop Festival to be held at a tasting room where the brewery's new fresh hop beers could be sampled. That is a completely legitimate role of a tasting room. A festival that involved live entertainment like jugglers or involved sampling other establishment's product is already prohibited by law. Adding festival to regulation does not serve a legitimate purpose.

Holding a competition in which people sample and vote on an establishment's product in the tasting room is also a legitimate promotional event in a tasting room. A beer, mead, cider, or distilled spirit tasting class that involves sampling the establishment's product is a legitimate function of a tasting room. Presentations by brewers about how their product is made and tours of an establishment are recognized throughout the country as normal activities of a tasting room. “Release parties” are normal activities at a tasting room when a brewery, winery or distillery advertises the release of a special new product for sampling.

Because the regulation does not define its very broad terms, which include legitimate activities or potentially some that are not, the regulation is vague and ambiguous in violation of AS 44.62.060 and could lead to potentially discriminatory enforcement in violation of the Alaska Constitution's due process clause.

III. The Prohibitions on Presentations, Classes and the Like Violates the Establishment's Commercial Speech Rights Under the Alaska Constitution.

The Alaska Supreme Court has recognized that businesses have rights to free speech under the Alaska Constitution. *Holding v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 63 P.3d 248, 251-52 (Alaska 2003). The Court applied the test first articulated in *Central Hudson v. Public Service Commission*, 447 U.S. 557, 564, 100 S.Ct. 2343, 65 L.Ed.2d 341 (1980), and reiterated in *Bolger v. Youngs Drug Products Corp.*, 463 U.S. 60, 68, 103 S.Ct. 2875, 77 L.Ed.2d 469 (1983):

First, we determine whether the expression is constitutionally protected. For commercial speech to receive such protection, it at

September 1, 2019

least must concern lawful activity and not be misleading. Second, we ask whether the governmental interest is substantial. If so, we must then determine whether the regulation directly advances the governmental interest asserted, and whether it is not more extensive than necessary to serve that interest. *AIRPAC*, 685 P.2d at 1253.

The Alaska Supreme Court recently struck-down an Anchorage Ordinance that regulated the hours of an adult cabaret involving nude dancing. *Club SinRock, LLC v. Municipality of Anchorage*, --- P.3d ---- (August 2, 2019). The Court struck-down the ordinance because it found that nude dancing was protected by the free expression protections of the Alaska Constitution and the closing-hours restriction as applied to adult cabarets was not sufficiently narrowly tailored to achieve its ends.

So too, the prohibitions on the owners of tasting rooms from holding classes, presentations, competitions, or social gatherings focused on the tasting of their product would violate protected free expression under the Alaska Constitution. As detailed above, the Board does not have a legitimate compelling reason to advance such prohibitions, nor are the prohibitions “no more extensive than necessary to serve the legitimate regulatory interest.” *Holding*, 63 P.3d at 251-52. Consequently, these proposed prohibitions on protected free expression are barred by Article 5, Section 5 of the Alaska Constitution.

In sum, I ask that the Board withdraw the proposed regulation as inconsistent with statute and because it violates provisions of the Alaska Constitution. Finally, I ask the Board to withdraw the proposed regulation because it does not advance legitimate regulatory interests and would constitute bad public policy. Alaska should be promoting the responsible operation of its craft breweries, wineries and distilleries. This proposed regulation is in search of a problem that does not exist. Tasting rooms and bars can co-exist in their respective regulatory frameworks establish by the Legislature. There is no need to adopt this regulation.

Very Truly Yours,

Breck C. Tostevin

AMCO

SEP 05 2019



Sydney Talbott  
Juneau, AK 99801  
August 29, 2019

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 W 7th AVE, STE 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
RE: 3 AAC 304.390 Notice of Proposed  
Changes to the Definitions of Recreational  
or Gaming Opportunities

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sydney Talbott and I am a resident at 401 8th St in Juneau, Alaska. I work downtown at Bauer/Clifton Interiors and have been a resident of Juneau for the past 5 years. I am proud to live in Alaska and I love the community of people and businesses that make Juneau the amazing city that it is.

I am reaching out to you today to voice my opposition to the proposed changes of definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities, as I find that this new proposal compromises the integrity of promoting small business in Alaska.

This has gone too far. Further hindering the opportunity for success and stability of small/craft/local breweries, distilleries and wineries is the WRONG direction for Alaska. The original mandate of prohibiting recreational and gaming at these establishments is counter-intuitive to helping strengthening a local business within our economy, and this new proposal is truly excessive. It makes one wonder what the true motives are for implementing these restrictive policies is. We are not strangers to the understanding that certain bar owners with deep pockets are threatened by these honest institutions.

In the best interest of the economy of Alaska, AMCO should be writing statutes that support and lift up small local businesses. If there are restrictive prohibitions on a certain industry, why would someone want to participate in Alaska economy? Especially after seeing young entrepreneurs make business plans that can be undermined so quickly by operating boards such as AMCO. I want to live in a state that provides equal opportunity to run a business under reasonably enacted regulating laws. I find this proposition does not promote success in the beer, spirits and wine craft industry.

In the best interest of the community, AMCO should allow these businesses to continue their philanthropic and charitable events that are held often in these businesses. From supporting and promoting local First Friday artists to display and showcase their trade, to providing a safe and fun space for community members to come together as family and friends to support other local community members. Devil's Club serves pizza on Wednesday nights and have

AMCO

SEP - 3 2019

accumulated quite the following. Understanding they have reach with their pizza night, they have opened their doors to nonprofits such as Trail Mix and KTOO to raise funds for their organizations that strengthen and promote the betterment of Juneau. Please take the most recent Steven Mulvey Fundraiser as another example--Amalga's fundraiser for a local school teacher who was diagnosed with a diffuse astrocytoma in his cervical spinal cord. This event brought hundreds of people out to show their support for a fellow community member and help him outfit his house with the appropriate equipment to help improve his quality of life. This is the Juneau community that I know and love. This is a community that I want to be apart of. These are the types of businesses that I want to see prosper. Businesses like Amalga and Devil's Club are comprised of fellow community members who provide a forum and tradition of promoting community. The list of examples goes on. What has your local bar done for the community recently? Please, do not restrict a business from continuing to hold events like these. It is simply regressive and needlessly obstructive.

Thank you for taking the time to read the concern of a Juneau community member and Alaska resident. I do hope that the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office makes the right decision in allowing these businesses to continue doing their best to succeed and promote the good of the community. I request you take my first hand witness of the good these businesses do in our state into consideration before adopting the amended definitions. **Please do not approve this action.**

Thank you for your time,

Sydney Talbott

AMCO

SEP - 3 2019



September 9, 2019

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
Alcohol Control Board  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Sent by email to: [amco.regs.alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs.alaska.gov)

Re: Comment on proposed 3 AAC 304.390

Dear Alcohol Control Board;

I am writing on behalf of 501(c)(3) nonprofit Kachemak Heritage Land Trust to oppose the proposed modification of Alcohol Regulation 3 AAC 304.390 regarding the Alcohol Control Board's definitions of "recreational or gaming opportunities".

It is our understanding that the proposed interpretation of this section would prevent breweries from hosting beer festivals, organizing beer release parties, rule out all presentations and performance and other public events for nonprofits held at a taproom/brewery.

As a 30-year member of the Alaskan nonprofit community, Kachemak Heritage Land Trust relies upon our business partners such as local taprooms/breweries to assist with our ability to reach our community through events and to raise funds to support our important community work.

Taprooms on the Kenai Peninsula have hosted a first tap of beer for our organization, co-sponsored a beer label contest for Kachemak Heritage Land Trust themed beer, hosted volunteer appreciation parties and raffle drawings, and fundraised for us through a tip jar with information about our organization one month last year.

Nonprofits rely upon the generous large and small contributions and grants by all sectors of our community; businesses, individuals, foundations, corporations and local/state and federal government. It is through that suite of funds we gain the ability to perform our important community-centered work that relieves some of the burden of government.

In a tough Alaskan economy, taking away nonprofits' ability to work with our taproom/ brewery partners will directly impact our ability to raise funds and awareness of our work in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marie McCarty". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Marie McCarty  
Executive Director

**From:** [Personal](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulations changes: public comment  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 5:00:34 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to speak my opinion on the latest announcement regarding the brewery/distillery/cider regulations.

I am in strong support of allowing "other recreational or gaming opportunities" including; festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, and other types of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public, to be allowed in breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Adding the proposed regulations to limit these businesses further effects much more than the said breweries, distilleries or cideries. It hinders so many other local artisans, creators, and small businesses. With the current state of Alaska's economy, stifling local business and small artisans should be the last priority of our regulators. Breweries are already limited by their operating hours and consumption amounts and are positive places for the community to gather. The need to limit the activities they may host is unnecessary and frivolous.

I intently believe that AMCO could be investing their resources and regulations towards higher risk hard liquor establishments rather than small, local, and limited tasting rooms. Please focus your time and our Alaskan financial resources on issues that substantially impact the wellbeing of our community, rather than focusing on this petty debate.

I appreciate your time and consideration in making Anchorage a modern, vibrant, and most importantly economically sustainable place to live.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Siene Allen

**From:** [Thomas Clausen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New regulations for distilleries  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 5:33:18 PM

---

It has probably been over a year since I visited a distillery. Still, the last time I did so, I found it to be a very relaxing and enjoyable experience and I expect that I will repeat it once winter sets in. I found the atmosphere to be academic, risk free, and social. It was a very nice alternative to going to a bar which I do not feel attracts the same clientele.

Please do not overly restrict the distilleries from serving people a couple of samples of their product or hosting some modest entertainment. To my knowledge, these establishments have not been a source of trouble nor are they greatly impacting other liquor businesses. The regulations they have been operating under seems sufficient to protect the public. I see no reason to add more regulations.

Thank you,

Dr. Thomas Clausen

**From:** [Walter Alpine Bakery](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** new regulation for breweries ????  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 6:17:44 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

Haines, Alaska is a small rural community, we love this place. We enjoy the activity of this community, even without having a comfortable, inviting public place where residents and long term lovers of Haines can meet casually or for art exhibits, birthday celebrations, non-profit organizational meetings, etc.

Haines Brewery has filled this niche by opening their doors to people from all walks of life and political affiliations while providing a welcoming atmosphere for all. The brewery has had a positive impact on this community, bringing people together and fostering civility.

We Silvia and I are frequent customers of Haines Brewery in Haines, Alaska and are disturbed to learn that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is proposing to place further regulation on Alaska breweries, making it impossible for them to host parties, meetings, presentations, etc.. If the proposed regulations are adopted, we will lose this all-important, small event venue.

This is absurd. We simply cannot understand why these proposed changes are even being considered.

Sincerely,

Walter

## **Alpine Bakery**

Silvia + Walter Streit

P 867.668.6871 F 867.668.6101

[info@alpinebakery.ca](mailto:info@alpinebakery.ca)

[www.alpinebakery.ca](http://www.alpinebakery.ca)

411 Alexander Street

Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada

Y1A 2L8



**From:** [Jessica Beecher](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop restricting activities at local breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 8:39:42 PM

---

Hello ABC Board,

I am writing this letter to ask that you stop restricting activities at local breweries and distilleries. The restrictions do not help Alaskans drink responsibly nor do they enhance public safety. It is not the responsibility of the ABC Board to legislate or define "fun". The laws need to be clarified on a legislative level not by the ABC Board.

The proposed restrictions hurt Alaskan business in a growing market sector that is popular with the public because it is full of exciting innovations. Alaskans aren't choosing between going to a bar or going to a brewery/distillery, we are choosing between going to breweries and/or distilleries or not going out at all. I don't want to go to a bar that is out-dated and with customers that are often so over-served that they can barely walk. I prefer to drink in an establishment that I know is not over-serving their customers and creating a public hazard on our roads. I support the 36oz law for this reason but I also want my local drinking establishment to reflect my interests in local beer, art, community events, festivals, classes and presentations.

Please stop trying to legislate fun and focus on public safety. Please allow the legislature to clarify the state's alcohol laws.

Thank you,  
Jessica Armstrong  
3465 Chetana Drive  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

**From:** [Roz Worcester](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation changes for breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 9:44:31 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in regards to learning about current and pending restrictions on breweries and distilleries that do little to protect the public, unless it is from a functioning free market or access to a choice of where to play a boardgame.

Honestly, this is a perfect example of government regulation at its worst, where individuals with financial incentive use their political positions for financial gain by deterring competition.

To quote KTUU:

“In its July meeting, the Alcohol Beverage Control Board proposed a regulation package that would restrict festivals, games and competitions, classes, public parties, presentations or performances and other social gatherings advertised to the general public.”

An alcohol regulation board should NEVER have the authority to limit our ability to play fusball, watch a game on tv, attend a first Friday, or play Jenga at either a brewery or a bar. These activities have nothing to do with alcohol safety and everything to do with jealous or threatened business owners. I really hope that we can reverse some of these pointless laws in both the legislature and through the board in order to allow our market to be competitive and let consumers make their own choices about where to buy and drink beer based on safe and fun atmosphere.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Rosalind Worcester

**From:** [Kelly Yanoshek](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 Regulations  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 9:48:03 PM

---

Hello,

I am a local Alaskan who enjoys breweries throughout our state and appreciates the experience and ambience that comes with visiting our craft beer establishments. This experience is more than just drinking beer, it is a cultivation of creativity and connects family, friends and the community together.

With new regulations on activities that can happen at breweries, I fear that the same experience will be lost. I support my local artists that show their art at breweries and I have enjoyed my share of yoga and beer and hope to see these and similar activities continue in the future. I also enjoy organized brewery tours to learn how beer is made especially because I grew up in a family that brewed beer and it's amazing to see the process at an industrial level.

Please consider not making these regulations stricter than they need to be. I love our local breweries and would not like to see the experience hindered.

Thank you,

Kelly

**From:** [patrickhoulihan.ak@gmail.com](mailto:patrickhoulihan.ak@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Remove Excessive Restrictions  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 10:20:09 PM

---

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to express my dismay and frustration upon reading of enforcing more restrictions on Alaskan breweries and distilleries. These are small businesses which succumb to a myriad of restrictions already. I find the vast array of restrictive permits on alcohol sales to be a silly holdover from Prohibition days, an intrusion of Church upon State, and in this case just plain unnecessary.

I have been to public meetings, art openings, musicians, chili cook-offs, fun runs, fundraisers, public speakers, Homer Rope Tow board meetings, slide shows, pizza night, oyster tastings, bird call competitions, adventure travelogues, jazz festivals and manufacturing tours just at my two Homer breweries. They contribute substantially to non profits and the enjoyment of living here. Now I understand the board is attempting to restrict and prohibit every single one of these wholesome activities, and I am outraged by this latest version of government overreach. Please come to your senses and get off the backs of these small Alaskan businesses. When I was in Kodiak, and walked into the brewery there, I was astonished I could not buy a beer. It was 8:02 pm, and I left Kodiak having been deprived of that experience. I am not about to let you remove the fun from these small businesses in additional ways.

Thank you for honoring the independent nature of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Patrick Houlihan

**From:** [Greg Durocher](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Representative.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov); [Senator.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov); [shari durocher -L](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding the proposed new regulations of craft breweries.  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 11:21:19 PM

---

tHello -

My wife and I - both craft beer aficionados - are once again disappointed at the attempts of the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to thwart the craft brewing industry at the behest of Alaska's bar owners. I am not fond of having to submit public comment and bother my legislators at a seemingly increasing rate. I can only surmise that the next activity the ABCB will attempt to ban is smiling in a brewery.

Perhaps what the allied (and obviously fearful) front of bar owners do not realize, nor understand, is that people like us go to craft breweries for - get this - enjoying sampling craft beer! Any games, singing, storytelling or general merriment is not in the least going to affect our patronization. We actually frequent bars regularly, but that's when we're in the mood for dinner and cocktails, not sampling ales! We have little voice, but we have principle: enacting an ordinance that tries to cut out the few enjoyments remaining at craft breweries will compel us to boycott full-alcohol establishments, and save money at the same time!

Sincerely,

Greg and Shari Durocher  
3707 Bisquier Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99508  
907-337-2553

**From:** [Nancy DeCherney](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** comments on the proposed changes to language  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 7:19:45 AM

---

Dear Director,

Please do not go forward with the restrictive language that will prevent alcohol manufacturers from having "(1) festivals; (2) games and competitions; (3) classes; (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests; (5) presentations or performances; (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public" in their facilities.

This is an attack on an industry that is just beginning in our state.

As do restaurants and bars, the manufacturers provide community spaces and support for non-profits and other community activities, and through their entrepreneurship are building the economies of our communities.

Their work is to be encouraged rather than hamstrung.

I oppose the proposed language.

thank you,

Nancy DeCherney  
3195 Pioneer  
Juneau.

**From:** [Monica O'Keefe](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to 3 AAC 304.390 for breweries  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 9:43:16 AM

---

Hello,

Please do not make these regulatory changes to the operation of breweries and distilleries. These businesses provide a venue for local artists to show their work, and also provide the very important service of being a venue for fund-raisers for non-profits and other community groups. These activities do not take anything away from bars or restaurants. I see no need to make these changes, and I feel they will be detrimental to many communities.

Thank you,  
Monica O'Keefe  
Anchorage

**From:** [Jan Crichton](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Proposed Change to 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 10:51:11 AM

---

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office  
Public Comments on Regulations 3 AAC 304.390

I agree with the Commerce Dept commissioner that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's proposed changes are restrictive and do not support a business inclusion initiative. To prohibit social gatherings advertised to the general public would harm the viability of these establishments and restrict freedom of participation in local events like First Fridays.

Breweries and distilleries and vineyards nationwide have become a defining part of their communities as both productive commercial ventures and as positive social centers offering venues which are natural as gathering places. Americans young and old have embraced these businesses, which foster a local sense of community, of engagement with fellow citizens. The trends in food and beverages strongly demonstrate that people now prefer their culinary and beverage experiences as close to the garden, the vines, or the barrel, as possible. Farm-to-table and on-site production, consumption, and social interactions are the current model people want and businesses must serve. It is obviously where the industry is going. Older regulations not recognizing these trends would irreparably harm Alaska's growing breweries and distilleries, and unfairly so.

Outdated regulations would also prevent ongoing public events that shore up communities and offer charity, cultural, or informational venues. These businesses benefit the city by being participants in First Fridays, holidays, and other local and cultural events, enriching the community as a place to live. They give generously to local sports teams, school groups, and events, and make the town welcoming and attractive to tourism. In my own community they offered a free educational presentation on avalanche safety; since our young adults hike up and ski without patrol, it may have saved lives. They have offered historical displays I had never seen, living here 40 years. Aspiring artists are allowed to display their goods in public. They help raise badly needed medical or disaster funds, and funds for recreational opportunities the city cannot afford to provide, such as a new public cabin. These businesses have invested everything in our local towns, and have proven they are dedicated to their community. They give back generously, and they deserve our support. These venues are the new business model, and it is happening all over the U.S. Our state regulations need to reflect industry trends, the reality of evolving business norms, and allow these local Alaska businesses to proceed with becoming a success, contributing financially and culturally to our communities.

Art, games, activities, social gatherings, Yes! Alaska needs exactly that in the winter, and our visitors expect it in the summer. These businesses have a very promising future to contribute to our state, and we would be doing our state and our communities a grave disservice to unfairly hamper their ability to grow and become financially productive contributors and well-loved cornerstones of our communities. Please allow breweries and distilleries to continue their community activities and flourish. The breweries and distillery in my own home town have absolutely rejuvenated our downtown area and made it once more a place people want to be. Do not let the voice of jealous detractors attempt to derail some of our most promising young businesses!



Respectfully,  
Jan Crichton  
123 Behrends Ave  
Juneau AK 99801

**From:** [Ben Sullender](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments against proposed changes in 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:56:10 AM

---

Hello Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes in 3 AAC 304, which would restrict the abilities of breweries and distilleries to host certain public events.

These public events - including First Fridays, live music, classes, presentations, and other social gatherings - are integral to our community, and breweries and distilleries are the only logical option. These events allow breweries and distilleries to focus on activities other than drinking and should be expanded and encouraged, rather than curtailed.

Bars are open late, legally serve drinks to already-intoxicated customers, and do not create any products on their own. In my perspective, they simply serve as a legal space for people to get drunk.

This is a far cry from the role that breweries and distilleries have in our communities. These are staffed by people who are innovating and locally creating new products, are intimately familiar with the products they create, are directly interacting with their customers to explain flavor profiles and the processes of brewing or distilling beverages. The staff are personally invested in their products, and the focus is on savoring an artisanal product rather than slamming mass-produced alcohol shipped in from the Lower 48.

Take a tour of breweries right before last call. Do you see belligerent customers or people about to drive drunk? Now look at bars right before last call. These are two vastly different types of establishments, and breweries and distilleries should be embraced as a much safer establishments with significantly lower social costs. Breweries and distilleries are already subject to stringent laws (3 drink limit, close by 8pm, etc.) that place them at a competitive economic disadvantage to bars. Breweries and distilleries should be promoted, not further punished.

Curtailling breweries' and distilleries' ability to foster community only hurts residents and the same people that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is intended to serve.

I look forward to following how the ABC Board proceeds with this issue and will be getting in touch with my representatives.

Sincerely,  
-Benjamin Sullender  
4303 Needle Cir, Anchorage, AK, 99508

**From:** [Michael Gavillot](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Independent Living Center supports local breweries  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 1:27:28 PM

---

My name is Michael Gavillot and I strongly oppose the proposed changes the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board plans for breweries.

I am the program director of TRAILS, an extension of the Independent Living Center in Homer. We are a little known non-profit in Homer and we work with a meager budget every year, providing recreation opportunities to seniors, people experiencing disabilities and usually on a fixed income. We rely almost exclusively from charitable donations and occasional grants but like many non-profits this year, we are tightening our belts more and more. This fiscal year we were not awarded our grant to provide financial assistance "scholarships" to our participants.

However, Grace Ridge Brewery has a "Tips of the Month" where each month they choose a non-profit to donate their entire tips earned to that non-profit organization. This is an incredible gesture by a business that truly cares about its community. Last month TRAILS was the recipients and Grace Ridge Brewery donated over 3000 dollars from tips earned. For our organization, this is huge. It means that we can still continue to provide amazing experiences where people who are home bound due to their disability or lack of accessible destinations in town are able to come together and go for a horseback ride in the Chugach Mountains or go halibut fishing or dip netting and provide fish for their family or connect with others and share laughs and stories. We know that recreation improves quality of life, develops self confidence and change people's lives. Grace Ridge Brewery also knows this and why they have supported us.

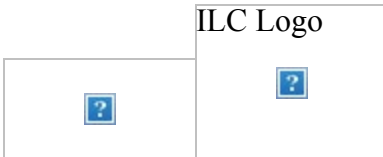
Please reconsider your proposed changes to breweries. Establishments such as Grace Ridge Brewery are an incredible asset to the Homer community. They host many events that help keep good organizations alive. This would be a huge detriment to the Homer community.

Thank you and please get in contact with me for any further questions

--

Michael Gavillot  
[mgavillot@peninsulailc.org](mailto:mgavillot@peninsulailc.org)  
Program Director  
235-7911 or cell 299-5558

ILC Logo



["If you're going to doubt something, doubt your limits," - Don Ward](#)

**From:** [Cecilia Borries-Strigle](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Changes of Recreational or Gaming Opportunities  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 2:24:23 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the proposed definition of 'other recreational or gaming opportunities' in 3 AAC 304.390. I urge the board to reconsider adopting this definition because I believe that doing so would negatively impact the communities where breweries and distilleries are located.

According to the proposed definition, community events, like fun runs, fundraisers, and art exhibits, would no longer be allowed to take place at the local breweries and distilleries. These events encourage the community to come together, to bond, and to share ideas and experiences. Proceeds from many of the events go back into the local communities to support shelters or other non-profit organizations. The fact that breweries/distilleries host (or sponsor) these events show just how dedicated they are to their local communities. Of course these businesses want to succeed, but they realize that their success hinges on the success of their communities.

I have been exposed to many more charities and non-profits because I have participated in these events. Unfortunately, my current personal situation does not afford me the opportunity to give to every charity, attend every art exhibit, or meet every author. However, events held at my local brewery have allowed me to focus on my health (with fun runs from 1 mile to 13.1 miles), to learn about and support local artists (even local high school students who create items for sale in their classes), and to socialize with my friends, my family, and other members of the community. These events have become an integral part of my community life, and I am sure they are a large part of others' lives as well. It will be devastating for people like me to lose these opportunities to be social and to be a part of the community.

Again, I ask you to reconsider adopting this definition. I truly believe that this will negatively impact the communities of Alaska and prevent others like me to be involved in their community.

Thank you.

--

---

**Cecilia Borries-Strigle**

**From:** [Randy Creamer](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Changes  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 3:11:10 PM

---

Board of alcohol and beverage control,

I am strongly against the proposed changes to what can happen regarding entertainment and events at breweries. These restrictions would greatly harm our communities here in Alaska. Breweries provide a space for fundraisers and social gathering which are very welcome in our towns. All this does is force people to go to bars who are leading these changes.

Breweries are a very popular place for people to gather throughout the country, and Alaska. Breweries provide far more local jobs in Alaska than the large outside beer produces who ship their product to us. These businesses need to be encouraged to grow, not be handcuffed by bar owners.

DO NOT INCREASE RESTRICTIONS ON BREWERIES!

Thanks,  
Randy Creamer  
Homer, AK

**From:** [Jenny](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Leave Our Local Breweries Alone!  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 3:44:14 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

I do not believe we need to prevent breweries, distilleries, or wineries from having social events or live entertainment. Let consumers choose. As long as tasting rooms serve only the allotted amount of alcohol, they should be allowed to hold events as they and their patrons see fit. Furthermore, these events affect the other bars in town minimally, if at all: many patrons who frequent local breweries and distilleries do not frequent bars--I don't. I have no desire to be around the typical bar crowd at typical bar hours. Your antiquated rules and regulations are a detriment to your local community and local businesses. If anything, you should allow for extension of the hours of operation for breweries and distilleries!

Thank you for considering.

Jennifer McCord  
Anchorage, AK 99503

**From:** [Suzanne Todd](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE STOP THE BUREACRACY!  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:24:48 PM

---

I would be hard pressed to find a more blatant example of bureaucracy than AMCO's latest attempt to further restrain brewery and distillery taprooms. Rules should be made for the benefit of all, not to the detriment of those you consider competition. Tap rooms are desirable to a demographic that does not go to bars. Tap rooms are closed before the bar scene even begins. Tap rooms are not taking away bar business. They are offering an attractive alternative to the loud music, the dark and filthy interiors, the undesirable patrons, and the over-serving that takes place in bars. Tap rooms have a three-drink limit and nothing is served after 8pm, so please explain to me how tap rooms are your competition. If Title IV does not allow for "fun" in tap rooms, it is high time Title IV be rewritten. And we should hold accountable those legislators who squelched the revisions. They have personal interests that make them unable to make fair legislation. If I were called to jury duty, I would be excused if I had such a conflict of interest. Why is this different?

Rest assured that if you continue to restrict breweries and distilleries, it will not improve bar business. Drinking at home is far superior to patronizing businesses that create cartels and suppress their supposed competition. Tastes have changed, and people are tired of bars. Progress is going to happen, whether you like it or not. Revise Title IV so that it is relevant in the current day and age. The rules were written before these tap rooms were imagined. It is time to update them, not add more ridiculous restrictions. Shame on you for interfering with free enterprise. Shame on you.

Sue Todd

**From:** [Aaron Ford](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Unreasonable Government Restrictions and Overreach  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:58:58 PM

---

Sir or madam,

My name is Aaron Ford and I am a year-round resident of Homer. The summer of 2019 has been my first summer working as seasonal help for Homer Brewing Co. I am amazed by the pre-existing restriction imposed on holders of a "Brewery Taproom" license. Despite these restrictions (hours of operation, 36oz service limit, and entertainment restrictions as well) HBC continues to do their best to sponsor community events and local groups who could not operate without financial sponsorship. The Homer Softball league, winter carnival, American Legion, Homer Senior Center, and more.

HBC sponsorship and community outreach continues despite the restrictions placed on their business by AMCO. If a local musician brings an instrument to the brewery and wants to play while enjoying a beer, I have to send them outside. If a family stops at the brewery during their visit to Homer, and brings cards to play, I have to ask them to leave the taproom. Both of these scenarios occur on a regular basis. Breweries are already limited in the hours they can operate, and the volume of beer they can serve. Isn't that enough???

In spite of stringent restrictions from AMCO, HBC still works to be a positive influence on the community. None of the bars in Homer come close to the level of community support provided by Homer Brewing Co or Grace Ridge Brewing.

Why defend bars' share of local business?? Bars are already open most hours that breweries are forced to be closed, offer a greater range of beverage options, and cater to the excessive drinker (where is their 36oz per person limit??) Since local bars don't seem to want to support anything other than excessive consumption at their establishment, and do not influence their community in a positive way, why advocate for them by restricting breweries? Surely drinkers will continue to drink, bars will remain profitable.

I understand the new changes to brewery licensing is just to clarify terms of pre-existing legislation. Why not de-regulate brewery taprooms? The current legislation is unnecessarily restrictive and contrary to the free-market system we supposedly exist within.

Stop this childish and completely unnecessary restriction of Brewery/Taprooms.

Respectfully,  
-Aaron Ford  
(206) 403 8017



**From:** [Aaron Ford](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AMCO Overreach  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 5:00:20 PM

---

Sir or madam,

My name is Aaron Ford and I am a year-round resident of Homer. The summer of 2019 has been my first summer working as seasonal help for Homer Brewing Co. I am amazed by the pre-existing restriction imposed on holders of a "Brewery Taproom" license. Despite these restrictions (hours of operation, 36oz service limit, and entertainment restrictions as well) HBC continues to do their best to sponsor community events and local groups who could not operate without financial sponsorship. The Homer Softball league, winter carnival, American Legion, Homer Senior Center, and more.

HBC sponsorship and community outreach continues despite the restrictions placed on their business by AMCO. If a local musician brings an instrument to the brewery and wants to play while enjoying a beer, I have to send them outside. If a family stops at the brewery during their visit to Homer, and brings cards to play, I have to ask them to leave the taproom. Both of these scenarios occur on a regular basis. Breweries are already limited in the hours they can operate, and the volume of beer they can serve. Isn't that enough???

In spite of stringent restrictions from AMCO, HBC still works to be a positive influence on the community. None of the bars in Homer come close to the level of community support provided by Homer Brewing Co or Grace Ridge Brewing.

Why defend bars' share of local business?? Bars are already open most hours that breweries are forced to be closed, offer a greater range of beverage options, and cater to the excessive drinker (where is their 36oz per person limit??) Since local bars don't seem to want to support anything other than excessive consumption at their establishment, and do not influence their community in a positive way, why advocate for them by restricting breweries? Surely drinkers will continue to drink, bars will remain profitable.

I understand the new changes to brewery licensing is just to clarify terms of pre-existing legislation. Why not de-regulate brewery taprooms? The current legislation is unnecessarily restrictive and contrary to the free-market system we supposedly exist within.

Stop this childish and completely unnecessary restriction of Brewery/Taprooms.

Respectfully,  
-Aaron Ford  
[\(206\) 403 8017](#)

**From:** [Michael Sirofchuck](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 5:00:57 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Sirofchuck  
Kodiak

**From:** [Gordon Williams](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Just stop already  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 7:15:45 PM

---

Hi

I'm a resident of Fairbanks, and I want to protest the proposed new restrictions on the breweries and distilleries. Unlike all the bars in town, our local distilleries are clean, pleasant places to grab a drink and engage with community. And the owners have shown a high level of civic responsibility both by educating the public about what they do and supporting local artists and non-profit groups. Instead of trying to regulate them out of existence, perhaps the bar owners should take a page from their play book. Because even if they are successful in getting these proposals rammed through and drive these thriving local good citizens out of business, most of us aren't going to be going to the bars. We weren't going before the breweries and distilleries came to town, and we won't be going if they go away. This is anti-competitive behavior of the worst kind, and an abuse of government power. Breweries and distilleries are already some of our most regulated businesses in this state, and they thrive not because of the business they take away from other establishments, but because of the business they create.

Best wishes,  
Gordon Williams  
4335 Birch lane  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

**From:** [Cheryl Laudert](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Breweries, Distilleries, Tasting Rooms  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 7:21:09 PM

---

The proposed new regulations on breweries, distilleries, and tasting rooms are heavy handed and ridiculous. These establishments are already restricted in so many ways. They have limited days and hours of operation, limits on how many drinks or beers a customer may have. They can't serve food, have televisions or other forms of 'entertainment'. They are still successful and that just doesn't sit well with bar owners.

The people who prefer to give their business to these places are not the same people who go to bars. It is a different clientele all together. The bar owner's fears that the breweries and tasting rooms are taking their business is laughable. Bars are less popular these days, but its not because of breweries or tasting rooms.

There is a also a new wave of 'alcohol free' establishments spreading across the country. People want something different. A place where they can go, meet friends, visit, and not necessarily drink a ton of alcohol. Will the bar owners find a way to regulate these new alcohol-free establishments out of business?, just like they are trying to regulate the breweries and tasting rooms out of business??

People should have a choice. I personally choose to go to a brewery or tasting room, and if they didn't exist.....I STILL wouldn't go to a bar. Perhaps the bars need to adjust to what people today want. It's not like the 1970's anymore. Bars are out of fashion and it's because they haven't changed with the times.  
People want something different!

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Regards,

Cheryl Laudert

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 9, 2019, at 10:14 AM, CED AMCO REGS (CED sponsored)  
<[amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov)> wrote:

Comment still not received. There was nothing in this email.

Thanks

*Jane Sawyer*

Regulations Specialist II

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office

907-269-0490

**From:** [Stacy Studebaker](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:05:45 AM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stacy Studebaker  
Kodiak

**From:** [Neil](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to new proposed regs limiting breweries/taprooms  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:14:26 AM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to oppose new regulations that would limit activities currently occurring at breweries and distilleries in Alaska.

I enjoy attending art installations, music, and generally just enjoy breweries and strongly oppose these new regs.

Breweries/taprooms are a bright new portion of Alaska's economy and support events, artists and employees. Please do not restrict activities that can occur at these small businesses.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Neil Waggoner  
Anchorage 99508  
907-602-8931

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Joe Krieger](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on Proposed Regulatory Changes at 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:44:43 AM

---

Dear representatives of the Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office,

I am writing in regards to the proposed regulatory changes in 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities, and to express my firm opposition to adopting these new regulations as written. The statute allowing brewery retail sales has been in place since 2006, and only under the current AMCO director have we seen an effort to create additional restrictions beyond those set by the original statute.

Breweries, distilleries, and wineries (including cideries and meaderies) have opened and based their business plans on AMCO's long-standing interpretation of the statute, which allowed activities so long as they were not expressly prohibited by the statute. As Alaska continues to struggle to grow its economy, breweries are one of the few bright spots, despite the current restrictions in place on servings, operating hours, and entertainment. Why would the state seek to further hamper jobs and economic growth with these regulations?

The regulations are anti-small business and will inhibit tourism and general commerce. "Beer tourism" is a growing segment in the travel industry; tourists visit breweries for a sense of local flavor (literally), meet locals, and support local, independent businesses. Just as locals enjoy talks, presentations, classes, tours, and other activities at breweries, tourists expect such activities because they are common, welcomed aspects of the brewery experience in other states. Growth in the industry supports these conclusions – in 2014 there were 22 breweries operating in Alaska, in 2019 there are 45. Why would AMCO seek to stifle a growing industry that is creating jobs, substantial local economic impacts across the state, and seeing consistently increasing consumer demand.

The regulations conflict with AMCO's statutory authority to protect public safety, health, and welfare. The statute allows breweries to serve up to 36 ounces of beer per person per day; giving consumers reasons to drink slowly – by enjoying or participating in presentations, classes, and other activities (other than games, live entertainment, or other activities excluded by AS 04.11.130(e)) promotes public safety and welfare.

For all of the above reason, I am opposed to the new regulations proposed at 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code. I believe these unfairly target small- entrepreneurs and will have cascading effects on communities and local business unlike.

I strongly urge that these proposed regulations be removed from considerations for formal implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulations.  
Sincerely,

Joseph R. Krieger, Ph.D.  
Juneau, AK. 99801

**From:** [Alyson Currey](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed definition changes to "entertainment and recreational" activities  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:04:51 AM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed definition changes to "entertainment and recreational" activities for craft breweries, distilleries or wine tasting rooms. I do not support a narrow and restrictive definition that prohibits local small businesses from engaging in and contributing to their communities.

As a Juneau community member who works for a local nonprofit, I have hosted both a fundraiser and a letter-writing event (social justice advocacy-related) at Amalga Distillery within the past year for my work. I have attended other nonprofit and legislative receptions at Amalga, as well as political candidate campaign events at Devil's Club Brewery. I also enjoy stopping by both businesses on our monthly First Friday art walks and have purchased local artists' crafts at each location, when I may not have otherwise.

Prohibiting these businesses from engaging in these types of activities and giving back to the community hurts more than just the businesses. In my experience, it can be very difficult to find a venue people want to visit that is also willing to host certain events, like a nonprofit fundraiser, political candidate meet-and-greet, or advocacy event. If the proposed restrictive definition is adopted, my options for work-related event venues becomes even more limited.

Supporting local artists, nonprofits, social justice actions, and political candidates (of all backgrounds) does not take away business from bars and restaurants and should not be punished. Craft breweries, distilleries and wineries still operate within limited hours and are limited in their product sampling and sales for onsite consumption. Therefore, hosting one of the aforementioned events during current operating hours does not necessarily mean more manufactured product is purchased/consumed or more revenue is gained. If bars and restaurants are concerned about this, they could also be involved their community by hosting similar events.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the local businesses I support may continue to grow and contribute to their community.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Alyson Currey  
9375 N. Douglas Hwy  
Juneau, AK 99801



**From:** [Ryan Probasco](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Allow Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries and Cideries to Flourish  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 3:58:26 PM

---

Hello,

I and every other Alaskan I know do not agree with the proposed regulations which will limit the activities allowed at tasting rooms throughout Alaska. The craft brewing industry in Alaska is amazing and many of these businesses have worked hard to establish their brand in an already restrictive environment.

As a person with a young family, I don't get many opportunities to go out and enjoy a good drink. Tasting rooms around the state have for me, and many of my friends become a place where we feel we can go to enjoy ourselves, interface directly with a master craftsman who is selling a fine product, and not have to worry about the other patrons being over-served or getting rowdy. I don't think anyone believes these businesses are in any way directly related to or compete with your typical "bar".

Please reconsider the proposal and adopt regulations which will allow for these Alaskan small businesses to remain viable and flourish.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Ryan Probasco

Anchorage

**From:** [Andrew Passic](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed brewery refs  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 4:20:33 PM

---

I am against the proposed restrictions on breweries that would further restrict activities such as fundraisers and other social gatherings at their locations. I do not frequent bars, nor would I if these proposed regulations become the rule. But, I do frequent several breweries, especially when they are doing chili cook offs benefitting the local hockey rink, or go out of my way to stop by on a First Friday to meet a new artist displaying their pictures, and always take visitors to meet the brewer or other employees who I consider friends after my frequent visits. These proposed regs are bad for Alaska's economy, bad for brewers, bad for local charities, and bad for consumers who enjoy locally made beer. I can't understand why we are having this debate again.

Sincerely,

Andrew Passic

(757) 449-9740

**From:** [Kent Peterson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** ABC proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 4:33:45 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the Alcohol Beverage Control Board's proposal to further limit craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries ability to engage in their communities.

I do not support the further restrictions on special events at these businesses. These small businesses have developed a successful business model and should not be penalized for their success.

My local brewery gives back to our community by partnering with non-profits and should be able to host special events honoring those nonprofit groups.

Please reconsider these restrictions.

Sincerely,  
Kent Peterson  
Soldotna, Alaska

**From:** [Alex Brown](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 4:46:21 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alex Brown  
Eagle River

**From:** [Sara Stekoll](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I am opposed to proposed regulation changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 8:56:24 PM

---

Dear Sir or Madam,

The interpretation of the proposed AMCO regulations will stifle a growing industry that is creating jobs, seeing consistently increasing consumer demand, and increasing tax revenue throughout Alaska.

It seems the timing of these proposed changes is coming suddenly without reason or specific provocation.

In past 5 years, the number of breweries in Alaska has doubled.

Presentations, classes, tours, art shows, collaborations, fundraisers, and other activities at breweries are common, welcomed aspects of the brewery experience in other states, enjoyed by locals and expected by tourists.

These activities are typically not associated with bars or taverns, and therefore should not be included in a list of activities unavailable to tasting rooms in this state.

Why would the State of Alaska, after 12 successful years, seek to stifle consumer demand and harm a growing industry? Why now?

Sincerely,  
Sara Stekoll

**From:** [Walker Janelle](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** NO NEW Brewery restrictions  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:11:33 AM

---

Dear AMCO,

Your current restrictions on local breweries and distilleries are anti-community and anti-small business.

As an Alaskan resident I have experienced first hand how local breweries and distilleries add value and culture to their communities, and have the power to transform once vacant buildings into vibrant places for people to gather.

Proposals to increase these already oppressive restrictions shows that your organization is out of touch with the needs and desires of the communities in Alaska.

*Sincerely,  
Walker Janelle*

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Hannah Schlosstein](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Oppose Restricting Tasting Rooms  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:04:47 AM

---

Hello Chairman Klein,

I am writing to let you know that I don't support a highly restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms across Alaska.

I support small businesses who support their communities. Further restricting arts events in the only state without an arts council is shocking to me. Allowing artists, yogi's, and local nonprofits with missions focused on creating positive inclusive communities to have a space for their craft is invaluable to making Alaska a great state in which to live.

If numbers are all that motivates you then I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. These numbers do not detract from any other industry, in fact they bolster and help create jobs for Alaskans.

Please adopt a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation for this industry.

Thank you,  
Hannah Schlosstein  
Juneau, AK, 99801

**From:** [Anthony Banker](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:15:03 AM  
**Attachments:** [unknown.png](#)

---

**To whom it may concern:**

**To me, the proposal to change definitions in 3 AAC 304.390 does not appear to be in the public interest.**

**I believe changes in law should address problems. I can't identify a "problem" this change in law seeks to solve.**

**I agree distilleries and breweries should not operate as bars, however, existing regulations don't allow distilleries or breweries to function as bars. That's a non-issue.**

**The proposed regulation isn't aimed at traditional bar activities.**

**From the public perspective, its unfair and without justification to make First Friday Art Showings illegal. What bar has ever supported Alaskan artists and community this way? Most breweries do.**

**From the public perspective, its unfair and without justification to make publicly advertised meetings at a local brewery illegal. Breweries are a perfect gathering spot for many meetings that promote the best of our community. Bars are not even an option.**

**Classes. What bar hosts classes of any kind?**

**Presentations. What bar is going to host presentations of any kind?**

**Again, this regulation doesn't address normal bar activities.**

**Sincerely,  
Anthony N. Banker**

**BANKER**  
**LAW GROUP**  
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

745 West Fourth Avenue - Suite 500  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
(907) 222-2999 phone  
(907) 222-2909 fax

[www.bankerlaw.com](http://www.bankerlaw.com)



**From:** [Martin Harrington](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on proposed 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:29:38 AM

---

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to comment on the proposed additions to 3 AAC 304. As an Alaska resident, musician, and writer, I oppose the changes. These would prevent distilleries and similar business from hosting classes, exhibitions, or performances, as outlined in the draft, and would harm the Alaska arts community as a result.

Walk through one of Alaska's major cities on First Friday, and you'll find a multitude of events hosted at a multitude of venues. Of these, distilleries and breweries are the most important. They provide a welcoming atmosphere to adults without the noise or mess of a bar. Just as one example, Amalga distillery in downtown Juneau has hosted galleries of everything from photos to crafts to woodworking. Add in musical and dance performances, and you can see these places provide a useful venue for the arts.

The change, in addition to the policy to which it's being added, seems designed to funnel more business to bars. This is ludicrous, especially for the arts. McGivney's might host a rock band, true, but a flute quartet? People go to Squirez to get drunk after a long week of fishing, not to peruse a photo gallery. There is a very real difference in the audience and atmosphere of these two types of business, and trying to do away with one to boost the other is going to leave a portion of the Alaska community unwilling to patronize either.

I don't think I need to belabor this point. Distilleries and bars have different appeals and different functions, and limiting the formers' ability to host events isn't going to drive more business to the latter, it's just going to make it that much harder for those events to happen in the first place. I hope that you will come to see this, and discard this proposed amendment.

Sincerely,  
Martin Harrington

**From:** [maryclaire.bernstein](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 10:21:04 AM

---

Please do not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304. The gatherings at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries that the proposal would prohibit foster a sense of community, and do the opposite of promoting heavy alcohol use -- of which there is certainly too much in Alaska.

Mary-Claire Bernstein  
1890 Glacier Ave.  
Juneau, AK 99801

*Mary-Claire Bernstein*

**From:** [Jill Ramiel](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 10:48:50 AM

---

Please do not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304. The gatherings at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries that the proposal would prohibit have revitalized downtown's all over Alaska and made our streets safer by adding pedestrian vitality.

Businesses located near these businesses hosting events show increased sustained year round sales. That in itself is very good for our communities.

Jill Ramiel - board member of the Juneau Downtown Business Association

**From:** [Lynda Giguere](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose changes to 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 11:14:06 AM

---

Hello,

I'd like to register my objection to the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304. I believe they are unnecessary and driven by special interests that are fearing the competition. The breweries and distilleries provide very nice venues for socializing and have served to enhance our community of Juneau, without promoting alcohol abuse. They strictly adhere to the rules, while giving us another option for places to gather. They also provide another much-appreciated art venue for budding local artists to exhibit their work.

Thank you.

Lynda Giguere  
217 5th Street  
Douglas, AK 99824

**From:** [allison lihou](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 11:29:48 AM

---

Please don't implement the reduced amount of local events, public fairs, or fundraisers. These guys show a lot of hard work and are extremely supportive of locals and local hosted events. Taking these opportunities away from them takes away from not only their business, but you take these events away from the public and that's just not cool. Please don't pass this and let the breweries and distilleries keep on with their business.

Thanks,  
Allison

**From:** [Iris Matthews](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to reg changes for breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 11:36:29 AM

---

Good morning,

I am writing to express my opposition to the changes to the regulations impacting activities in local breweries & distilleries. I believe these businesses should be allowed to grow & thrive, and be good neighbors and venues for events to support their community. We certainly need more, not less, community venues and partners for events in the community.

I realize those holding liquor licenses may feel pressure from the increased competition, so if you want to require an additional license or permit to support oversight of these activities, then explore doing so, but don't limit the scope of activities unnecessarily and without thought to the community and business needs.

I want all the businesses in my community to prosper, and these regulations will have the opposite affect.

Sincerely,

Iris Matthews  
Juneau resident

**From:** [Karen Wilson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 11:56:58 AM

---

Please do not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304. We are in our sixties and have no interest in the traditional “bar scene”. However, we have begun to thoroughly enjoy the new distilleries and breweries, especially when they have hosted special events. We can drink lightly or not at all, and the mix of ages these businesses attract is a delight. The gatherings at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries that the proposal would prohibit foster a sense of community, and do the opposite of promoting heavy alcohol use — an extreme problem here in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Karen & Jeff Wilson  
Juneau

**From:** [Amy Baars](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:32:47 PM

---

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose the recent acts to take away first Friday's and presentations at our local breweries and distillery in Juneau Alaska. A sense of community and gathering is essential for the wellbeing and happiness of your citizens. There is a drink limit and this is much more civilized than bump and grind dance bars where people drink as much as they can. The educational offerings, the local food venues, and the arts and crafts put on by these establishments are instrumental in perpetuating a close knit community. I love being able to come relax, shop, and spend time with friends and families in this setting and feel this movement should be allowed to continue.

Sincerely,

Amy Miller  
Baarsamy@yahoo.com  
406-361-1552

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Mike Goldstein](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Question about your regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:36:35 PM

---

I am totally against your injustice toward breweries and distilleries.

What you allow at bars is violence, rape, and murder, and is profit at its worst. Yet you hope to keep the rest of us pigeonholed into those places instead of being in safe places like what the distilleries and breweries offer.

Why can't you approve my non profit event at Amalga or Devils Club in Juneau? What harm am I or they committing to society?

Stop protecting the disgusting places like Lucky Lady, Viking, etc where I have seen violence, rape, drug sales, fear, and other atrocities, when you have the chance to approve functional establishments by upstanding citizens who are present to ensure their product and environments are safe.

Thank you,  
Mike Goldstein  
907-209-6335

**From:** [Colin Osterhout](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support distilleries and breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:37:50 PM

---

This whole entertainment regulation package strikes me as silly, and as regulatory capture. I don't enjoy going to the bars in this town a whole lot anymore. I want to occasionally meet my friends at establishments such as the Devil's Club brewery or the Amalga Distillery and in my opinion, so what if there's music playing or if they host events?

I understand there's a lot of sunk-costs that go into getting a beer/wine/liquor license, but this doesn't seem like the way to address that. Let the system evolve.

Colin Osterhout

**From:** [Michael Cragen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to New Proposed Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:38:03 PM

---

Hello AMCO,

I am writing to express my opposition to the new proposed regulations regarding the limitation of breweries hosting events, clubs, etc.

I believe the regulations already in place put our breweries at a disadvantage compared to states I have recently traveled in such as Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California. I do not believe it is in our states best interest to further restrict breweries.

Feel free to contact me if you have additional questions regarding why I have these beliefs. Just know, I am extremely opposed to these new regulations and so too are many Alaskans.

Thank you,  
Mike Cragen  
907-250-4818

**From:** [Michael Cragen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to New Proposed Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:38:03 PM

---

Hello AMCO,

I am writing to express my opposition to the new proposed regulations regarding the limitation of breweries hosting events, clubs, etc.

I believe the regulations already in place put our breweries at a disadvantage compared to states I have recently traveled in such as Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California. I do not believe it is in our states best interest to further restrict breweries.

Feel free to contact me if you have additional questions regarding why I have these beliefs. Just know, I am extremely opposed to these new regulations and so too are many Alaskans.

Thank you,  
Mike Cragen  
907-250-4818

**From:** [mpilotshep@gmail.com](mailto:mpilotshep@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** NO  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:40:05 PM

---

I OPPOSE THE PROPOSED REGS CHANGES!!  
THE BOARD IS SIDING WITH BAR OWNERS and comparing apples to oranges.  
It should not hamstring a new, vibrant, young and socially VALUABLE business  
'frontier!!!!'  
THANKS  
~Karl schoeppe  
Juneau

Sent from my ASUS ZenFone 2E, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** [Stephen Gasche](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Distillery and Brewery liscensing policy  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:42:10 PM

---

I am excited that our local distillery and breweries sometimes use their establishments to help non-profits fund raise in this time of budget cuts that affect all Alaskans. I am fearful for the future of Alasla and support what the breweries and distillery do to support their communities. They have shown that they desire to give back to make our community a better place. Please do not do anything that would further regulate distilleries and breweries. If only all businesses in Alaska were as economically invested in their communities as our locally owned, entrepreneurial businesses.  
Stephen Gasche

**From:** [phillip Mahan](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose the entertainment regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:45:19 PM

---

Absolutely ridiculous!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Rebecca Dierking](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** opposition to proposed entertainment regulation  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:48:35 PM

---

I am opposed to to the proposed entertainment regulation. Non profits need fundraising support and breweries are trying to do that.

Rebecca Dierking



**From:** [suesloss@gmail.com](mailto:suesloss@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on 3 ACC304  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:06:12 PM

---

Do not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304.

In my town, the gatherings at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries, that this proposal would prohibit, have fostered commerce and creativity by allowing groups to socialize in a friendlier atmosphere than your average dark and dingy bar.

Susan Sloss  
15775 Glacier Hwy  
Juneau 99801

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bill McLaughlin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:07:02 PM

---

I can't believe that you actually want to "prevent gatherings or presentations of any kind" at breweries. This is absolutely absurd, undemocratic, and VERY bad for business.

Back off AMCO.

William McLaughlin

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Joe and Julie Orsi](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restrictions toward Brewery and Distillery  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:07:24 PM

---

I am concerned with the restrictions you are putting on Distilleries and Breweries in Juneau, AK. I find these places where people are gathering over a social beer ,mixed drink or tour promote good things for our community. These places tend to draw folks who are not out to get drunk, but to socialize over a drink and support upcoming artists, fundraiser for good causes and inspire and encourage others. Why squash a good thing? We must offer other alternatives that draw people together other then the local bars. Also, supporting those who love our town , live here and want to invest in it. Times are changing and this is what folks are excited about. Listen and encourage a positive thing for our future. Thank you.

**From:** [Bailey Jennifer Woolfstead](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:13:34 PM

---

I am writing to oppose the new rules that do not allow breweries to host gatherings, have art presentations, etc. In Juneau, our local breweries and distillery do great work hosting fundraisers for non-profits, help local artists, and are great places for locals to gather. They do not take money away from bars, as people like myself often go to the bars only after going to the distillery and I wouldn't otherwise going.

I urge you not to put forward the entertainment regulation package as currently proposed.

Regards,

Bailey Jennifer Woolfstead

**From:** [Jake Carpenter](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery/Distillery Changes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:32:06 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I emphatically oppose the proposed narrow and restrictive view of activities in tasting rooms.

As a member of Alaska's entrepreneurial community, I'm concerned that further restricting craft breweries and distilleries will seriously damage a rapidly growing Alaskan industry in its infancy.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thanks for your time,

Jake Carpenter

--



**Jake Carpenter**  
[about.me/jakeacarpenter](https://about.me/jakeacarpenter)

**From:** [Braden Ohlsen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:16:07 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to speak my opinion on the latest announcement regarding the brewery/distillery/cider regulations.

I am in strong support of allowing “other recreational or gaming opportunities” including; festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, and other types of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public, to be allowed in breweries, distilleries and ciders.

Adding such regulations effects much more than the said breweries, distilleries or ciders. It hinders so many other local artisans, creators, and small businesses. With the current state of Alaska’s economy, stifling local business and small artisans should be the last priority of our regulators. Breweries are already limited by their operating hours and consumption amounts. The need to limit the activities they may host is unnecessary and frivolous.

I intently believe that AMCO could be investing their resources and regulations towards higher risk hard liquor establishments rather than small, local, and limited tasting rooms.

I appreciate your time and consideration in making Anchorage a modern, vibrant, and most importantly economically sustainable place to live.

Thank you.

**From:** [McKenzie Morris](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Entertainment Regulation Package  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:34:44 PM

---

Please consider this email as my opposition to the proposed entertainment regulation package. I feel our local breweries and distilleries are providing much needed event space for various fundraisers that may not have as much success if held in other locations.

Regards,  
McKenzie Knudson  
Douglas, AK

**From:** [Laura Lucas](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** comments proposed regulations 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:36:40 PM

---

I am writing to oppose the proposed new regulations to prohibit brewery and distillery venues from hosting cultural, artistic, and social gatherings.

In my view the state is appropriate in regulating alcohol and marijuana sales in the interest of public safety. The purpose of the proposed regulations seem solely directed to preventing competition and has nothing to do with safeguarding the public.

The impacted venues in Juneau have become popular locations for art and cultural events that complement the interests of people gathering to share a drink with friends.  
Let the free enterprise system preside on this matter. Customers have been making their choice of venues known.

Thank you.  
Laura Lucas  
Juneau, Alaska 99801



**From:** [Karen Walker](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Change in law for breweries, distilleries & wineries  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:52:53 PM

---

We are in total opposition to the change in the law governing Alaskan breweries, wineries & distilleries that “these places of businesses should not be a place where people "gather" or allow "presentations" of any kind. “ This change in the law would put an end to these businesses’ efforts to give back to their communities by hosting fundraisers for non-profits, First Friday art shows for local artists, giving tours of their facilities or even educating persons in their communities about their production processes and products. These functions are essential to their businesses’ mission and for the good of the communities that they are in.

We, as Alaskan residents and voters DO NOT SUPPORT AMCO’s change in this law. Vote against it!  
Karen and K Gregory Walker  
Juneau, AK

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Flynn.lauram](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 2:05:00 PM

---

Hello,

I would just like to comment on the regulations your office has decided to impose on breweries in Alaska and in particular the Devils Club brewery in Juneau. Breweries are such an integral part of the social fabric of our state. As someone who was born and raised in Juneau and now lives in California, I have seen first hand the tremendous value these business have. I encourage you to rethink your policies and allow these breweries to host fundraisers for nonprofits, have art shows, and other social events that contribute to the amazing local community in our state.

Thank you,

Laura Flynn Strazzo

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Chase Acuff](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Let the Breweries Be.  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 2:08:19 PM

---

I am opposed to the proposed entertainment regulation package and wish to have no such restrictions places upon them whatsoever.

Thank you very much.

Have a great day.

Sincerely,

Chase Acuff.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Evon Zerbetz](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** no on 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 2:53:48 PM

---

Thank you for taking public comments on the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304.

I urge you to not adopt these regulations. I am in support of places that promote community, regardless if I drink alcohol. The proposed regs would limit these businesses from participating with non-profits for fundraisers, participating as places to show artworks or other community gatherings which I believe make them excellent neighbors in our communities.

Thank you,  
Evon

--

Evon Zerbetz  
PO Box 8943  
Ketchikan, AK 99901  
907.255.8212  
[www.evonzerbetz.com](http://www.evonzerbetz.com)

**From:** [Susan Clark](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Social breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 3:12:54 PM

Please do not ban social gatherings at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries. While i do not drink, i have attended public non-profit and political gatherings in these “trendy” consumption-controlled settings.

I can see no reason to limit social/community gatherings at these events. While i am uncomfortable in a bar setting, i do feel comfortable in these small venues in which out of control alcohol consumption is non-existent.

Please do NOT adopt proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304.

$$\dots * \sim * \dots \quad \dots * \sim * \dots \quad \dots * \sim * \dots \quad \dots * \sim * \dots \quad \dots * \sim * \dots \quad \dots * \sim * \dots$$

My Love and Light, Joy and Laughter to you

... \*~\* . \*~\* . \*~\* . \*~\* . \*~\* . \*~\* .  
... \_ . \_ . \_ . . . . \_ . . .

Susan Sushma Harimandir Clark

land: 907-586-6952, cell: 907-723-8873

1109 C St. Juneau, AK 99801-1535

Facebook: Susan Sushma Harimandir Clark

**From:** [Julie Scheurer](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulation changes for breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 4:04:42 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

It is frustrating to learn that you are once again trying to squash thriving, community-oriented businesses with excessive restrictions and a draconian re-interpretation of the phrase "recreational or gaming opportunities." It is obvious to most anyone that this provision was intended to prevent gambling at establishments where alcohol is served and NOT to prohibit festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, or other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public as proposed by AMCO. What next? No smiling or laughing at breweries and distilleries? No fun at all? Despite the already excessively strict guidelines that limit how breweries and distilleries may operate, these establishments are thriving because they cater to the communities' wants and needs by providing clean, safe, welcoming, and supportive places to gather together with purpose (beyond just drinking). Rather than choking these fresh new businesses that are providing much-needed economic and social diversity to our communities, AMCO should be encouraging their development by loosening the already too-stringent rules.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Scheurer  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [DJ Thomson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 4:40:16 PM

---

Please do not adopt the changes to 3 AAC 304. Breweries and distilleries already have a number of restrictions that they need to contend with. Changing this regulation to be even more restrictive is unnecessary, and does not allow for community involvement in these businesses, which will impact the communities they do business in.

These changes are being pushed by the businesses that hold Bar licenses to squelch competition, also unnecessary. They are a different clientele altogether. For those people who frequent both types of businesses, they move on to the bars after the breweries and distilleries close, driving business to them.

Most of the people who own Manufacturing licenses are looking for ways to stay, work, thrive and contribute in this State. They have some of the most restricted regulations in the nation to deal with. They are visionaries, trying to revitalize their communities and redefine the use of alcohol. Please do not hobble their efforts – you will not be doing the State a service.

Deborah Thomson



This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.  
[www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

**From:** [Rachel Barth](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** change the regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 5:53:28 PM

---

I FULLY support our Alaskan Manufacturers, including our breweries, distilleries, our cideries, and wineries. These small craft businesses have shown the diligence, integrity, expertise, creativity and their inclusion to our communities to bring people together whether it's a fundraiser, an art show, a tour, a maker's market, or just their fine products they have worked so hard to produce and bring to our town. So many of these businesses are younger entrepreneurs, who chose to stay in our town to promote small businesses. People are happy, people love to go to these places to gather, and to support these businesses. Do not take this opportunity away from us or from them!

Thank you,

Rachel Barth  
11909 Glacier Hwy #306  
Juneau, AK 99801

yes I am over 21.



**From:** [Joe](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Senator.Gary.Stevens@ak.leg.gov](mailto:Senator.Gary.Stevens@ak.leg.gov); [Micciche, Peter A \(LEG\)](#); [Giessel, Cathy \(LEG\)](#); ["Rep. Gary Knopp"](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery regulation - opposition to proposed regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:44:33 PM

---

Dear AMCO regulatory office:

I oppose the proposed additional regulations upon in-state craft breweries for the following reasons. I have no ties of any sort with any part to the controversy; hence, these are strictly my personal observations and opinions.

1. There is a general market and social trend away from traditional bars and similar facilities toward in-state craft breweries. Rather than regulations specifically intended to hobble a less-traditional outlet in favor of bars and the like, regulation at worst should be neutral rather than tilted toward bars and distributors of out of state manufactured products. The market and our evolving preferences should determine which are successful and which will fade. Otherwise, you are artificially distorting the market and that rarely turns out well in practice.

Otherwise, we are in a sense being socialistic, using regulations to favor fading but still wealthy sectors serving hard liquor over new, popular ones that have started as grassroots local efforts that serve only beer and wine made on premises.

2. I visit these facilities only on occasion but I have observed that their atmosphere tends to be far more cheerful, functioning as friendly neighborhood gathering centers similar to the neighborhood Italian-style trattorias that I fondly recall from growing up in Eastern Pennsylvania. The local craft breweries are not oriented toward the heavy drinker who seeks to get "hammered". If you seek to actually control excessive alcohol consumption, might I suggest from 42 years of practicing law in Alaska, that you start restricting bars and other facilities serving hard liquor instead.

3. These are local Alaska-made products that are now achieving a national reputation and are one of the evolving bright spots in our state economy. Don't hamstring them. Across the US, the presence and growth of local craft breweries turns out, upon study, to be one of the several consistently positive indicators of local community rejuvenation and renewed economic growth. When we have had groups from friendly foreign countries visiting us in Soldotna, one of the favorite trips has been to local craft breweries for tours and meetings.

4. If you ban fund-raisers and other gatherings at craft breweries, then you should similarly ban them at traditional facilities like restaurants.

5. The proposed regulations have a strong anti-competitive flavor to them, which is contrary to both the spirit of anti-trust law and the Alaska spirit. The proposed regulations are not neutral in spirit.

6. There is a significant sense that AMCO regulations are part of the ongoing attempt to "hijack" legal regulation in an attempt to suppress local manufacture and neighborhood gathering spots and to favor traditional bars and distributors of out of state beverages. Let them compete in the market and in society instead.

Thank you

Yours very truly

Joseph L. Kashi  
Attorney at Law  
205 East Beluga Avenue  
Soldotna, AK 99669

**From:** [Sheila Box](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:52:57 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sheila Box  
Juneau

**From:** [Shannon Dore](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulations are concerning  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 7:45:34 PM

---

To whom it may concern:

The tight restrictions on activities, music, art display, etc. in breweries and distilleries is ridiculous and prevents small businesses to operate how they please within the 2 drink max and other regulations. I do not support these recent proposals.

Shannon Dore

**From:** [Shari Paul](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stop destroying Alaskan businesses!  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:22:16 PM

---

Please explain to all Alaskan's why you feel it is justified to put stricter regulations on these amazing, creative young Alaskans who want to live in our State, raise kids here and provide so much generosity and support to our communities.

Your proposed action to destroy small businesses is unconscionable

Shari Paul  
713 W 12th  
Juneau

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Carol race](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose changes to winery and distilleries  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:48:46 PM

---

ABC Board,

I oppose the current purposed change and regulations to prohibit winery and distilleries from hosting cultural, artistic, and social gatherings. This would have very negative impacts on these businesses and the positive social fabric they foster.

The strict limits on alcohol consumption that apply to these places result in them being locations that focus on a thriving sense of community rather than on heavy drinking. It has historically been important to have gathering places for community connection. And why would you shut down thriving businesses in these economic times?

Thank you for reconsidering.

Carol Race

Juneau, Alaska

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Molly McCafferty](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Entertainment Regulation Package  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:46:39 PM

---

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed entertainment regulation package. Please support our local brewery and distillery. These businesses offer a nice alternative in downtown Juneau to locals who do not typically go to bars and help make Juneau a more appealing place to live for many.

Sincerely,  
Molly McCafferty

**From:** [Chris Roust](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulation Changes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:53:52 PM

---

I strongly oppose the proposed regulation changes further limiting the allowed activities at breweries. There is NO public good in these changes and no threat to the public that requires them. Look at problems for the public and stop regulating things to make it easier for your office to interpret the refs. Your role should not be to limit the public from enjoying a safe, new type of venue which is being successfully established throughout the US, Canada and many other countries. You should not suppress these new ideas and should not endeavor to protect other types of venues that have been losing their appeal. There are far worse problems with fights and alcohol abuse at conventional bars than with brew-pubs.

Thanks for listening.

Chris Roust



Public Comment 3 AAC 304.390

Alcohol Beverage Control Board  
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Alcohol Beverage Control Board Members:

The definition of “other recreational and gaming opportunities” in 3 AAC 304.390 is an over reach or unnecessary language.

As you know, the statutory context for this definition is AS 04.11.130 and AS 04.11.170.

AS 04.11.130 (e) (1) lists as examples of recreational and gaming activities these prohibitions: “live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables...”

This list is focused on games and entertainment and communicates that as the legislative intent. Adding classes, presentations and organized social gatherings to this list of recreational opportunities in the statute is not a reasonable interpretation of the original intent. Festivals is a term that is as ambiguous as “other recreational activities” so does not assist with interpretation. The parts of 3 AAC 304.390 that are in keeping with the statutory reference are “performances” and “games and competitions.” These additions are unnecessary because a common sense interpretation of “live entertainment” in the statute would include “performances” and similarly, “other games” in the statute includes “games and competitions.”

Please do not adopt 3 AAC 304.390. Adopting this regulation does not enhance the safety of Alaskans, and would prohibit Alaskan’s rights to assembly beyond the statutory intent or needlessly define activities that are already prohibited by the statute.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Cowan May

**From:** [Sally Donaldson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** New regs  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 7:20:41 AM

---

Hello AMCO board,

I am a retired citizen in Juneau, live downtown, walk extensively through town, and trails 3-4 days a week, host a good number of guests, and volunteer at the City Museum leading walking tours through downtown.

In your deliberations of regulations, please consider that breweries and distilleries in Juneau have become favorite stopping places for visitors and locals alike. There have been celebrations held, public gatherings, and contributions to the community by the young owners. Guests at my house have enjoyed visiting many places in town, sometimes enjoying a drink at the Amalga Distillery, grabbing a quick bite at the Devil's Club Brewery, having a beer at Barnabus Distillery before or after a Goldtown movie. I their mission is hosting fundraisers for non-profits, First Friday art shows for local artists, giving tours of their facility, educating customers about beer. For many years, there was an Alaskan Folk Festival Jam at the Alaskan Brewery until regulations prohibited music.

Please do all you can to balance careful regulations with customer demand and satisfaction, and business opportunities for young entrepreneurs who are the future of Alaska. So far, these businesses mentioned in my note have made considerable contribution to downtown life along with local shops, restaurants and nonprofit services. I have never witnessed people being drunk or unruly at these establishments.

Thank you for reading,  
Sally Donaldson  
530 Park St  
Juneau, AK 99801

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dave Hunsaker](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against New Regulation Package  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 8:03:40 AM

---

Dear Sirs and Madams:

This is to voice my strong opposition to the proposed regulations on brew pubs to limit any kinds of presentations or entertainment gatherings. The overall message these regulations send is that people should just go to these establishments simply to DRINK, and nothing more. You already have solid regulations in place limiting the amount of alcohol any given customer can consume, and how late these businesses can stay open (not very); these additional onerous rules just seem like a malicious way of saying 'You can drink, but you can't have any fun or learn anything.'

In Juneau, where I live, the distilleries and brew pubs have brought new life to a downtown whose bars have been too often of the dive variety, catering to heavy drinking and, quite often, violence. The brew pubs and distillery, on the other hand, have been founded by young men and women whose energetic enterprises have brought new life to downtown, their establishments contributing to a kind of cafe society rather than an alcohol driven one. I have never seen anyone stagger drunkenly out of any of these places, as I have all too often out of such bars as the Narrows or the Imperial or the others that form a gauntlet along Franklin St.

Please allow the breweries to continue to be meeting places where people can sample and learn about their fine products.

Sincerely,

Dave Hunsaker  
20139 Cohen Dr.  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 789-3486

**From:** [Jack Galaktionoff](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 9:08:01 AM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jack Galaktionoff  
Valdez

**From:** [Deedie Sorensen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose regulations to limit events hosted by AK distillers and brewers  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 9:51:37 AM

---

Please do not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304. The diverse group gatherings at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries that the proposal would prohibit foster a sense of community, and do the opposite of promoting heavy alcohol use -- of which there is certainly too much in Alaska.

**From:** [Colin Flynn](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Do you even care about Alaska?  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 9:52:39 AM

---

Alaskans are sick of poorly thought out government regulation that destroys our local businesses. Reality check - the state's economy is in the toilet. Why would you design regulations that stifle our economy instead of encouraging this new wave of entrepreneurs?

Juneau is an incredible place but in 2019 it's a difficult place to make a living. While most of our smart, motivated young people have left for larger cities, a few have stayed in order to grow this town that they love. GET OUT OF THE WAY.

The new regulatory package attacking breweries and distilleries has one goal: put as much money in the pockets of the bar owners possible. Have you left the state recently? People love breweries and distilleries and most of Juneau's bars are LAME. Juneau's economy is hugely influenced by tourism and entrepreneurs in Juneau (as well as Anchorage and many other towns around the state) understand this. They are doing amazing things to make the town more attractive. Pulling the rug out from under them after so much hard work and investment is unbelievable. SHAME ON YOU.

Colin Flynn  
Juneau Resident

**From:** [Linnea Pearson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposed regulation of distillery and tasting rooms  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 10:03:01 AM

---

Hello,

I am writing to express my dismay at the proposed regulations that will further restrict the activities that can take place at tasting rooms. The license they possess already restricts the types of activities, amounts and types of alcohol they can serve. They are not in direct competition with bar licenses for this reason. They have not taken away anything from bars, only provided further opportunities for local events to occur. To further restrict what they can do - not host First Friday Gallery artists, no fundraisers, would be doing a disservice to the artists and communities these activities directly support. Bars do not host these kinds of events, and as far as I am aware have no interest in doing so. They focus on live music, game/trivia nights etc, activities expressly reserved for them by the licensing of tasting rooms.

These proposed regulations go too far and only hurt small businesses and local communities.

Sincerely,

Linnea Pearson

Juneau, AK

**From:** [brown carharts](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** distillery regulations  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 11:04:04 AM

---

I am concerned that the rules to hold back the industry of breweries and distilleries are very short sighted . The places like the aforementioned is a great place to meet friends and family without the busyness of being in a bar or drinking establishment . Just the open air is a relaxation in the places we attend. I feel that the rules being made are very offending to our guests as a backwards state.

Thanks for considering my opinion.

Mark Hodge



**From:** [Becca Cates](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Regulations  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 11:08:19 AM

---

AMCO,

As an invested community member of Juneau, I highly OPPOSE the proposed changes to define "recreational or gaming opportunities".

You can guarantee that there will be backlash if these proposed changes are passed. A majority of the community in Juneau are supporters, stakeholders and employees of the breweries and distilleries. If these changes are passed, many members of the community will boycott the very establishments you are trying to cultivate more traffic in.

These proposed changes are also a direct threat to first amendment rights and if passed, legal action could be taken to reverse these outdated and stifling changes.

How about we cultivate a community where business supports business?

Cheers,  
Becca Cates

**From:** [Midgi Moore](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Changes to Distillery and Brewery Regs  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 1:38:41 PM

---

Dear Ms. McConnell and AABC board members,

I am writing in response to the proposed changes to rules related to "3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read: 3 AAC 304.390. Definitions. (a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, "other recreational or gaming opportunities".

Like most industries, the adult beverage industry has evolved and grown to serve their customers' needs and the market. In this case it is from bars to unique places of beverage creation. Throughout the world, distilleries and breweries have become gathering places for locals and visitors to not simply taste local products, but to understand the art of making them, how local ingredients are used, and the stories behind them. These establishments aren't serving Mad Dog 2020 and Bud Light. They are serving libations made from Alaska's oceans and forests and we should be celebrating them. They are telling Alaska's story, which we need to be sharing with any and all. It's good for our communities and our economy.

I fully support the concept of regimenting the industry so that it doesn't conflict with bars. A liquor license is hard to come by and very expensive and those who put in their hard-earned cash shouldn't have to fear losing business because of distillery or brewery tasting rooms. Having said that, distillery and brewery owners also have a right to have their investment pay off and to garner business. Unlike bars, distilleries and breweries have limited hours, which limits their opportunities of making sales.

As I understand it, currently distilleries and breweries must close by 8:00pm, are permitted to only serve a minimum amount of drinks, and cannot have entertainment or music. These make sense and seem to support the bar owners' needs. However, not allowing them the opportunity to work with other businesses by having art shows and special tastings, classes, etc. is infringing on their rights to be an active part of their communities, and that doesn't seem fair.

As a food tour owner, I visit our local distillery and several bars on our pub crawl tour. I share the fun facts and history of each location. Given the changes proposed, I wouldn't be able to take our guests to the distillery, which would not only be a huge disappointment to the visitor but to us as well, as we aren't able to tell the full story of Juneau's libation scene.

I urge you to consider this issue not only as an alcohol one, but as an opportunity to support our communities in growth and sharing the bounty of Alaska. This is not an unique situation in the United States, if Utah can figure this out, surely we can as well.

Respectfully,

Midgi

Midgi Moore, CCTP

Owner, Juneau Food Tours

***A Tour with Taste***

[www.juneaufoodtours.com](http://www.juneaufoodtours.com)

(907) 723-8478

#mightytasty

#happybelly

**Our Mission: to deliver tasty memories.**

**USA Today – Top 10 best food tours in North America**

**From:** [Sally Rue](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304 proposed changes  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 11:45:49 AM

---

Please do not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304.

The gatherings at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries that the proposal would prohibit foster a sense of community, and do the opposite of promoting heavy alcohol use -- of which there is certainly too much in Alaska.

I have seen many examples of community-building events at these types of establishments that are a boon to the community, in the public interest, and that have nothing to do with heavy drinking. Everyone I have experienced has had a positive, constructive, healthy and inclusive atmosphere that brings people and communities together.

Please do not reject this type of positive activity in these venues.

Sincerely,  
Sally Rue  
7083 Hendrickson Rd.  
Juneau AK 99801



**From:** [ron.kreher](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 2:02:15 PM

---

I am pleased that the Commissioner has questioned the proposed changes of regulations governing the alcohol industry and is requiring a further review. I specifically oppose the proposed addition of section 3 AAC 03.390 and the expanded restrictions considered in the definition of "other recreational and gaming opportunities".

The purpose and intent behind the proposed addition is not clear to me. If its purpose is clarification, it remains somewhat murky. I am concerned broadly defining "recreational and gaming opportunities" to include activities such as classes and presentations will further limit opportunities for new, established, and potential businesses to attract new patrons, support the community, and further contribute to the local economy. Certainly, language that restricts "organized social gatherings", no matter how they are "advertised", will be construed as setting curbs on freedom of speech and assembly.

In my community the proposed language will clearly and disproportionately affect brew pubs and distilleries. Is the primary intent of restricting "social" activities in general to deter people from going to a tasting room or brewery or winery that might host a gallery show for a local artist, or a fund raiser for a local non-profit? I hope not.

But, with this one section, a neighborhood could lose a potential venue for social gatherings and learning opportunities, and the business loses sales in the process. Who benefits from that? Bar owners? Restaurants? Certainly not the community at large.

More work is needed to craft rational regulations to promote a fair business climate, for all the state's alcohol industry and, implements change without negatively impacting local communities as well as businesses and responsible operators.

I recommend that you consider getting further input and recommendations from municipalities on the "social" activities they deem suitable for breweries, brew pubs, and distilleries in their communities.

Sincerely,  
Ron Kreher

S I am pleased that the Commissioner has questioned the proposed changes of regulations governing the alcohol industry and is requiring a further review. I specifically oppose the proposed addition of section 3 AAC 03.390 and the expanded restrictions considered in the definition of "other recreational and gaming opportunities".

The purpose and intent behind the proposed addition is not clear to me. If its purpose is clarification, it remains somewhat murky. I am concerned broadly defining "recreational and gaming opportunities" to include activities such as classes and presentations will further limit opportunities for new, established, and potential businesses to attract new patrons, support the community, and further contribute to the local economy. Certainly, language that restricts "organized social gatherings", no matter how they are "advertised", will be construed as setting curbs on freedom of speech and assembly.

In my community the proposed language will clearly and disproportionally affect brew pubs and distilleries. Is the primary intent of restricting "social" activities in general to deter people from going to a tasting room or brewery or winery that might host a gallery show for a local artist, or a fund raiser for a local non-profit? I hope not.

But, with this one section, a neighborhood could lose a potential venue for social gatherings and learning opportunities, and the business loses sales in the process. Who benefits from that? Bar owners? Restaurants? Certainly not the community at large.

More work is needed to craft rational regulations to promote a fair business climate, for all the state's alcohol industry and, implements change without negatively impacting local communities as well as businesses and responsible operators.

I recommend that you consider getting further input and recommendations from municipalities on the "social" activities they deem suitable for breweries, brew pubs, and distilleries in their communities.

Ronald Kreher

500 H St.

Douglas, AK 99824

**From:** [Maura Westerdahl](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose regulatory change  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 3:22:00 PM

---

Please do not adopt the proposed regulatory changes to 3 AAC 304. The gatherings at local breweries, distilleries, and wineries that the proposal would prohibit foster a sense of community, and do the opposite of promoting heavy alcohol use -- of which there is certainly too much in Alaska.

Maura Westerdahl



Virus-free. [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

Alaska Cabaret, Hotel,  
Restaurant and Retailers Association



1503 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 202  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
(907) 274-8133 • Fax (907) 274-8640  
Toll Free in Alaska (800) 478-2427

September 13, 2019

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
[amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov)

Re: Opposition to Proposed Regulatory Changes Regarding Definition of “Recreational or Gaming Opportunities”

Dear members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board:

The Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant, and Retailers Association (CHARR) – as a representative of Alaska’s alcohol industry as a whole – opposes the regulation project which would add a new section 3 AAC 304.390 to define “other recreational or gaming opportunities” for the purpose of manufacturing licenses in Alaska. As a nonprofit business association with a vast membership of restaurants, liquor stores, bars, manufacturers, hotels, and other businesses statewide, we have grave concerns about the precedent that the regulatory overreach in this draft language may set.

Clear, consistent, and practical laws and regulations – and the interpretation and enforcement of such – is vital to ensuring the success and compliance of the industry while preserving public health and welfare. While it is evident that many sections of Title 04 of Alaska Statutes and Chapter 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code require revisions and/or clarification, the proposed language in this draft does nothing to decrease ambiguity of manufacturing restrictions.

As you are aware, there have been substantial efforts to pass an omnibus Title 04 bill through the Alaska Legislature with the intention of clarifying, modernizing, and streamlining existing alcohol laws. I respectfully request that the Board take no action except to close this regulation project. In doing so, you would enable a working group of industry members – including both retailers and manufacturers – to formulate sensible language to be included in the omnibus bill regarding this matter.

Thank you for your consideration and interest in continuing to responsibly regulate the industry.

Respectfully,

Sarah D. Oates  
President & CEO  
Alaska CHARR



**From:** [Kip Kermoian](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposed Brewery and Distillery restrictions  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 4:53:23 PM

---

Dear Erika McConnell & Board members,

We were recently made aware of an attempt by you to further restrict the type of activities allowed at Breweries and Distilleries in Alaska. Not only do we find the proposed restrictions lacking of any justification other than to penalize hard working Alaskan entrepreneurs at the behest of the bar and restaurateur community who continue to lobby you to reduce what they see as competition, but we see existing restrictions targeting Breweries and Distilleries to be unreasonable.

Here in Haines, as you know, we have one Brewery and one Distillery, both of whom produce exceptional products, and have designed and constructed clean, safe, welcoming environments for members of our community to enjoy while engaged in numerous events, such as birthday parties, meetings and art shows.

We rarely frequent bars in our community, but we do frequent our Brewery and Distillery because they provide a desirable space for families to engage with community without the concerns one might encounter in bars.

We entourage you to inflict no further restrictions, but rather, work to eliminate existing restrictions that unfairly penalize these businesses that contribute so much to encouraging community.

Sincerely,  
Kip and Patricia Kermoian

**From:** [Kevin Elliott](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Say no to tasting rooms regulations - Say yes to "FUN!"  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 5:56:32 PM

---

Hello.

I am writing to urge you to revisit the extremely narrow regulatory definitions of what constitutes "entertainment" and "recreation" in brewery, winery, distillery and cidery tasting rooms. I don't patronize these establishments solely because they display artwork on a gallery walk night or when they host fundraisers for non-profits but they provide a venue where many of these events can take place that also serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. The hospitality and visitation industry is one of the largest and most successful industries in Alaska and undue regulations hamper the ability for our locally owned and developed craft breweries, wineries, distilleries and cideries from growing and continuing to be a part of our communities. Please revisit these regulations.

Thank you  
Kevin Elliott  
Juneau AK

**From:** [Rachel Gearhart](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries/Distilleries Proposed Regulation Changes  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 8:08:13 PM

---

Thank you for hearing public comment on this.

I am a resident of Juneau and have been for close to 10 years. In that time new breweries and distilleries have popped up out of innovation and creativity. It's been that innovation and creativity that has meant they have been a welcoming and enjoyable gathering place for many events.

My anecdotal experience is that bars may not have the time or interest in hosting such events as are in question with this legislation. Many already host a variety of events and having an additional option (with drink limits no less) has been a welcome kind of opportunity for fundraisers, consciousness raisers, and a variety of events that may not fit cleanly into a bar.

I ask you not to support the proposed regulation changes.

Rachel Gearhart  
Juneau, AK  
907-401-0139

**From:** [Marta Mueller](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regs File 2019200678  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 11:02:38 PM

---

Dear Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

The proposed regulation presented in File No. 2019200678 is too strict an interpretation of “recreational opportunities.” “Recreational opportunities” should be limited to physical activity such as sports. Sedentary recreational activity such as board games, lectures, classes, and presentations are acceptable in a variety of small licensed premises, including establishments licensed under AS 04.11.130 and AS 04.11.170.

“Recreational opportunities” in regulatory definition should be consistent with AS 04.11.210, recreational site licenses or AS 04.11.225, outdoor recreation lodge licenses. Moreover, alcohol can be consumed during bowling and golfing recreational activities, under beverage dispensary and golf course licenses.

If the proposed definition prohibiting advertising of gatherings or festivals passes, larger licensed premises will still enjoy opportunity to publicly advertise social gatherings that brewery, winery, and distillery premises will not get to enjoy. It is unfair that a sports bar would be able to advertise SuperBowl festivities with drink specials, food, and door prizes and a brewery could not advertise a gathering to celebrate public release of a new award-winning Alaska-made product.

“Games” should be limited to games of chance, particularly games of chance regulated under other statutes and where there are monetary transactions, e.g. pull tabs. Friendly board games where money is not exchanged are acceptable in a variety of locations. It is unfair that clubs, sports bars, and licensed premises that sponsor special events such as the Rondy DASH can have boisterous low-skill games, competitions, and door prizes, but a brewery couldn’t allow board games or a spelling bee.

The proposed regulatory definition limits activities of local businesses that offer choices that aren’t available in other licensed premises. Restaurants with high customer traffic, cabarets with live entertainment and noise, or bars with televisions, hard alcohol, and late hours are different than a brewery offering fish-themed beer and fly tying before 8 pm.

A long term solution to reduce conflict among commercial entities vying for market share is needed. One option is for the Board to ask the Governor to propose legislation creating special events permits for smaller licensed premises to offer activities that don’t conflict with physical recreational opportunities or games of chance. The Board could proactively list acceptable opportunities in regulations instead of prohibiting fun in some of the best establishments in Alaska.

Marta Mueller  
(907)590-7678

**From:** [John Roxburgh](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed new regulation 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 12:28:17 AM

---

Gentle reader,

I strongly disagree with the proposed new regulations limiting activities at distillery and brewery tasting rooms. We have had such facilities in our town for several years now and to my knowledge there have been no occurrences of people singing, dancing, or schmoozing at the bar. I fail to understand why the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board find it necessary to place additional prohibitions on festivals, competitions, classes, presentations, performances, and the like.

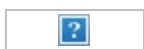
What's the problem here? People are having fun in these places, and our community benefits from increased economic activity. Does it worry you that people might be consuming alcohol in a wholesome environment, where the focus is on something other than inebriation? Is it your view that alcohol should only be sold to people who are thinking about its taste and effect to the exclusion of any other subject? Would that really be healthy?

Our state is well-supplied with grubby dive bars that cater to a certain kind of customer. The owners had decades to clean up their establishments, if that is what they wanted to do. But now new investors have come along and reimagined what alcohol sales establishments might look like, achieving success by serving a different clientele with a different kind of venue. And for that they deserve to be shut down? The only ones who will benefit from this, it seems to me, are the owners of traditional bars.

Our communities need economic drivers. We need diverse types of community spaces. We need ways for people to socialize and drink responsibly without feeling stigmatized. And we need our Legislature to rewrite our state liquor laws in order to bring them into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Until that happens, I urge you to put these unfair, ill-advised, and poorly conceived regulatory changes on indefinite hold.

Sincerely,

John Roxburgh  
Juneau AK 99802-3174  
[johnpr@gci.net](mailto:johnpr@gci.net)



This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.  
[www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

**From:** [John Lane](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposed regulations  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 9:15:55 AM

---

To whom it may concern. I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed rules regarding "entertainment regulation package" relating to breweries and distilleries. I think it's absurd that you feel necessary to restrict business opportunities in our communities. Local breweries and distilleries support the community by hosting events such as fundraisers for non-profits, art shows, tours and educational events. Do you honestly think hosting a fundraiser at a brewery or distillery, jeopardizes other local businesses? Or hosting a tour of the facility and conducting educational presentations are also a menace? Get real. Your proposed regulations, in my opinion, will be a detriment to local business and quite possibly lead to businesses failing. What else do you propose to make sure our local breweries and distilleries go out of business? Why can't you propose common sense regulations that will help businesses grow and expand and succeed? These proposed regulations are a joke. Please do not approve these regulations. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Lane  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [Liz Perry](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to new proposed regs  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 10:31:36 AM

---

Dear members of the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO),

I encourage you to drop the move toward more regulations aimed at the craft breweries' and distilleries' ability to host events on-site. These proposals are unfair and unwarranted.

Craft alcohol businesses already have heavy regulations in place that put them at a competitive disadvantage with bars: they're only open for a few hours, having wait to open until afternoon, then close early with strictly limited pours. They're not allowed to have seating at their serving bars and are strictly regulated regarding food.

The fact is, the market is rapidly changing and consumers demand more fun and specialized experiences; fewer people - including myself - want to go into a traditional bar setting. Many bar owners have simply failed to recognize this and failed to keep up with the market. The local craft breweries and distillery are very community-minded, and have picked up the flag to offer places for small groups to gather, have fun, raise funds for community causes, and showcase local art. Further, these operators donate product and merchandise to local causes. Since all activities and the operations themselves must close by 8PM, I fail to see any harm to bar owners.

Bar owners complain loudly that their permits and operations cost a lot more, but they also have much more opportunity for market share with their later hours and virtually no limit on drink purchases. They are also able to expand label and options in their inventory, something no craft operation can do. The fact that traditional bars don't want to change their business model should not impact the hard work, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy of local craft operators.

Making presentations, gatherings and events illegal at our craft brew taprooms and our distillery tasting rooms is a slap in the face to the hard work these businesses, and is a slap in the face to the locals and visitors who attend and enjoy these events. If anything, the regulations should be relaxed. No bar has been harmed in this process. Do not move ahead with this proposal.

Thank you,

Liz Kiehne-Perry  
Juneau AK

**From:** [Kimberly Stone](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No more brewery restrictions!  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 10:42:50 AM

---

Hello,

I am writing regarding the proposed new rules restricting breweries/distilleries/etc. I am a resident of Ketchikan, and I strongly oppose these new rules.

Ketchikan is starting to see a couple breweries pop up, and they have been extremely positive additions to our community. They provide a different experience than bars and restaurants, and are a frequent stop for me for an after work beverage, or a beverage to start an evening out. I do not believe they take away business from bars or restaurants, and in fact I think our brewery downtown draws people downtown, and in turn to other places that benefit from their presence there.

In a place where we are all looking for comfort from weather and darkness, I believe we should be working to provide ourselves more wintertime entrainment, outlets, and innovation. Stifling innovation never ends well.

Please do not further restrict these businesses. They already are able to do less than all of their counterparts in other states, and I don't believe they are hurting the other businesses in the state.

Thank you,  
Kimberly Stone  
Ketchikan

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Jeanne Kitayama & Paul Wheeler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 definitions  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 10:47:29 AM

---

To the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board:

The latest proposal to restrict Alaska breweries even further than the already strict regulations that they adhere to, is contrary to the legislation that established brewery retail sales in 2006. Those original restrictions were developed to distinguish brewery tasting rooms from bars, and those regulations have worked well for the brewery business model. As Alaska struggles to grow its economy, breweries are one of the few bright spots, despite the current restrictions in place on servings, operating hours, and entertainment.

In small rural towns like Haines, the retail area of the brewery has become a social hub for families and differing political factions of the community. It's been a safe place for people to gather, formally and informally. Our technological world has hampered face-to-face social interactions, yet our brewery brings people out for real conversation and camaraderie. Despite current restrictions, and possibly because of these restrictions, breweries have been creative with non-profit gatherings, art exhibits, etc. We need this retail business to be a successful business in a small town.

We urge you to listen to public input, do not impose further restrictions, and realize that breweries and distilleries are assets to communities and economies across the state.

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Kitayama  
Co-owner, Haines Brewing Company, Inc.  
PO Box 911  
Haines, AK 99827  
907-766-3823  
[hainesbrew@gmail.com](mailto:hainesbrew@gmail.com)

--

Paul Wheeler & Jeanne Kitayama  
*Haines Brewing Company, Inc.*  
PO Box 911, Haines, AK 99827  
[www.hainesbrewing.com](http://www.hainesbrewing.com)

**From:** [Chris Stout](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Regs  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 11:29:54 AM

---

I wanted to take this opportunity to voice my opinion on the new proposal of regulations focused on Alaska Breweries.

To force tighter regulation on their daily operations such as brewery tours, first Fridays.. and events of that nature is a stifling of the culture of the craft.

I would to share my feelings that this is an attempt to smother a core American culture from sharing their craft to educate others on the ART of craft beer.

While your at it close down the Alaskan Native Heritage Center.. stop allowing them to spread their culture on others

Chris Stout  
634 N Hoyt. Apt 1  
Anchorage, AK 99508

**From:** [Wayne Aderhold](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposal to add new section 3AAC 304.390 ..... strongly OPPOSED  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 12:28:34 PM

---

I am writing **IN STRONG OPPOSITION** to the proposed changes (adding 3AAC 304.390).

As I understand the proposal, it would eliminate the following :

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public

Both of our breweries in Homer provide wonderful services to our community in some of all of the forms proposed to be eliminated.

Both breweries assist local non-profits with both venues and in many cases direct opportunities for collecting funds to make up shortfalls in State and other funding, which is looking to get worse, not better.

In fact, in about an hour I will be heading over to Grace Ridge Brewing to assist in a fundraiser for our local radio station (KBBI) that will end at our other brewery (Homer Brewing).. These opportunities are invaluable and critical to our operation. I serve on the Board of Directors for KBBI as well as other non-profits.

I like my bars and restaurants (CHAR members and non-members) and patronize all establishments that are to my liking.

And I like my breweries and brew-pubs (both locally in Homer, and statewide, and nationwide).

Please kill this proposal AND **if anything, expand the opportunities for our breweries.**

Fair and open competition is the American (and Alaskan) way!

Sincerely,  
Wayne Aderhold  
353 Grubstake Ave.  
Homer, AK 99603

**From:** [Judi Smith](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 12:37:41 PM

---

I am disappointed to hear that even tighter restrictions may be placed on our local breweries. Would not these tight restrictions discourage entrepreneurship and local business, as well as local hire? My family thoroughly enjoys our local brewery, their craft beers and would like to enjoy further opportunities to educate ourselves about the craft of beer-making and showcase the work of local artists and musicians while enjoying our beer-tasting experience. Our local breweries and their beers are a unique experience enjoyed by a unique population and I truly doubt that they seriously threaten the existing wine and dine establishments and local bars.

The existing regulations against chairs/tables make it quite difficult for seniors and disabled patrons to visit or enjoy breweries. Truly an unfair and discriminating regulation.

**From:** [Samuel Naujokas](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose proposed brewery regulations  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 4:02:57 PM

---

Hello,

I am a 21 year old resident of Ketchikan, AK. I want to voice my comment of complete opposition to any proposed regulations that further limit the growth of breweries in Alaska. I want breweries where beer is manufactured to be able to stay open late, serve food, and have seating. I'm from California, where looser brewery/alcohol manufacturing laws are in place. There, the microbrewing industry has exploded into a money making cultural trend that offers a lot to the food community and the community has a whole. If you want to encourage economic development as is the mandate of the Dunleavy administration, please do not implement any more additional restrictions on Alaskan breweries. We need them to have space to grow, and there is little to no good reason to not allow them this. Thank you for your time.

Samuel Naujokas  
707-583-5079  
219 Garden Lane  
Ketchikan AK 99901

**From:** [Laura Minne](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to new entertainment regulation package  
**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 6:06:24 PM

---

Please do not impose the new entertainment package on Alaska's Brewery's. They truly open their doors and contribute to the community in ways that a 'bar' cannot. Let these small entrepreneurs flourish-we need to support and encourage them!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Gretchen Roffler](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** recreational or gaming opportunity regulations  
**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 9:39:11 AM

---

Greetings,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed changes in defining recreational or gaming opportunities at breweries or distilleries. Across the state of Alaska, new brewery and distillery businesses have been opening and providing economic opportunities for their communities and residents. These businesses have chosen to support local activities such as art walks, fund raisers, or game nights. This is a valuable contribution to our communities and I do not believe it is the role of the AMCO to regulate such activities. Small breweries and distillery businesses are an economic opportunity in small communities where economic growth is needed, and this should be supported, not discouraged. Please do not change the regulations to prevent recreational or gaming opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gretchen Roffler

Douglas Alaska

**From:** [Mariel Terry](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation Limiting Events at Breweries  
**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 1:33:45 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

I would like to comment on the proposed regulation designed to limit events at breweries and distilleries.

I am concerned that such a regulation would have the effect of curtailing the market to negatively impact breweries and distilleries. I can say that my local breweries and distilleries are hugely beneficial to positive development in my community in that their events are often positive, safe, and family friendly in ways that other venues that serve alcohol are not. This may have to do with the times at which they are open and consumption limits but I think just as much attributed to the *kinds* of events that my local breweries and distilleries are apt to hold.

The last event I attended was a reception for the Girdwood Fungus Fair at Girdwood Brewing Company. The brewery became a space for fungus nerds of all ages (and I mean there were little ones there, under the age of 5) to convene, talk mycology and *taste* beer. I am putting an emphasis on taste because folks just don't go to breweries or distilleries to drink and get drunk, they go to taste and converse. The brewery was also providing a space for the fungus club to sell retail and raise money for their little organization in order to host future events.

Another brewery I like to visit is Midnight Sun Brewing for the purposes of tasting beer and looking at art, a feature that might be illegal under the new regulation. If you took the art away from Midnight Sun you would take away the soul of their tasting room.

Anchorage Brewing Company is host to an event called "Culture Shift," put on by the Alaska Humanities Forum on the last tuesday of every month. It is an event literally designed to bring people together and discuss how to make the world a better, more inclusive place. I encourage members of AMCO to look up this Culture Shift and attend one in order to comprehend the importance of this event and others put on by our local breweries and distilleries.

My last point is directed at the idea that breweries and distilleries are competing with bar clientele. To this, I can only speak about my own perspective since i am not a statistician or an economist. I am not someone who goes to bars. When people ask me what "my" bar is in Anchorage I draw a blank. I have no ill judgement directed at people who happen bars, I am just looking for a different scene. So *my* money is not being redirected from bars to breweries and distilleries. As I was trying to get across with my prior examples, I am as much attracted to



the community element of breweries and distilleries as the presence of good beer and liquor itself. If I were to take a guess I'd say this is probably the case with a significant number of brewery and distillery goers.

In closing, I would like to urge AMCO to rescind any language that might affect a brewery's or distillery's right to host fundraisers, highlight local artisans, give educational beer tours, and provide a safe gathering place for community members and visitors from this and future proposed regulations.

Thank you,

Mariel Terry

*Life-long Anchorage Community Member*

*(907)843-0449*

**From:** [Hank Dickson](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\); craftedforalaska@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** Craft beer tasting rooms  
**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 3:24:40 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms. In general, I do not like when government imposes intrusive or highly restrictive requirements on developing businesses.

Craft beer industry has brought Hundreds of jobs, millions in income and taxes.

To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support. As a AK tourist, I was particularly impressed with the growth and vitality of this industry.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hank Dickson  
Holly Springs NC Councilman, 1997-2009, 2013-17

**From:** [Sasha Doxey](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 5:30:35 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sasha Doxey  
Fairbanks

**From:** [Breanna St.Amand](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 5:32:45 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Breanna St.Amand  
Fairbanks

**From:** [Britteny Cioni-Haywood](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations on Breweries, Distilleries, etc.  
**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 6:02:54 PM

---

Chairman Klein,

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed regulations concerning having "events" at breweries, distilleries, wineries, etc. The businesses in these proposed regulations are already highly restricted in their activities, including but not limited to, max of two drinks, limited hours, etc. The ability to have some events at these manufacturers allows them to give back to their community and showcase other small businesses such as local artists. This ability to support other businesses only strengthens communities and furthers economic development.

During this economic downturn it is important that the State of Alaska is providing a supportive environment for businesses and not the opposite. These proposed regulations are not supportive of one of the few industries that are providing growth to the state. As a former economic development professional, manufacturing in Alaska is very difficult without actions such as these proposed regulations. This industry also attracts tourists to the state which is an important sector for bringing money into the state.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to provide economic and other benefits to their communities and the state.

Sincerely,  
Britteny Cioni-Haywood  
Alaska Resident  
Juneau, AK 99801

**From:** [Dana Drummond](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I am against t proposed rule to further limit events at Alaska breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 7:34:59 PM

---

I am completely frustrated with our state again. Why is it that AMCO has nothing better to do than to blast distilleries and breweries. If you look up why ABC exists it is to protect the people. AMCO is not protecting anyone except bars/restaraunts with trying to take away breweries/distilleries freedom of social gatherings. This is a constitutional right: to be allowed to gather, freedom of speech to talk as we wish, and allow others to come listen to whom they wish to listen to. If the bars are failing, I'm sorry, it's a tough business. Like any business you can figure out the trends and adapt or fall to the wayside.

Dana Drummond  
Anchorage, Alaska

**From:** [dcmewallace@gci.net](mailto:dcmewallace@gci.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding 3AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 8:32:50 AM

---

>>

>> To whom it may concern,

>>

>> I find it pathetic that a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries is even being considered by the board. There is a very strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces.

>>

>> If the bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business, perhaps instead of looking to lobbying the government to pick them as economic winners and their competitors as losers, they should instead try to make themselves more attractive places that people actually want to patronize.

>>

>> New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is supposed to be all about. Government should not be trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences, offer a better model

>>

>> Regards,

>>

>> Margaret Wallace

**From:** [forest.reimann](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alaska breweries  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 10:08:15 AM

---

To whom may concern,  
12 years ago I joined the military active duty, spent about 6 years total deployed fighting the drug war in South America and away from home for what most people told me was for our freedoms. Now a good friend of mine tells me that the brewery he is starting won't be able to invite people like me to show our art or play music for our local community. Breweries are awesome small businesses that thrive based on making people happy. I moved to Alaska from California because it made me sick living there after everyone telling me we were doing what we did to keep America free. Don't turn Alaska into California, stop trying to over regulate Americans, it contradicts what my friends and I do, and unfortunately what some of my friends have died for. Thank you for your time.

-Forest Reimann

Semper Fi and Semper Paratus.



**From:** [Dave Klein](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose to Proposed Changes for Breweries  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 10:35:41 AM

---

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office,

I oppose the proposed changes to define “recreational or gaming opportunities” for breweries.

***Please reconsider your stance that breweries should not be a place where people gather or allow presentation of any kind.*** We should be nurturing these businesses as they grow in Alaska as they bring money into the state and cater to an audience that likely do not visit bars for various reasons. For me personally, I find bars too loud and like to visit breweries and distilleries so I can meet with friends and talk, while not competing with loud music, televisions...etc.

Thanks for considering,

Dave Klein  
Auke Bay, Alaska  
12410 Glacier Hwy.

**From:** [Laura Murphy](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Breweries  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 10:48:35 AM

---

To Whom it May Concern,

Please do not pass the new regulations that are on the table. Breweries are another community hub that adds flavor and value to the community. Homer is a tourist town, and our breweries bring people (and their \$) to our lives.

There is really no reason to change the regulations,

Laura Murphy  
Homer Resident

**From:** [jarek Kupczynski](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 11:03:01 AM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to speak my opinion on the latest announcement regarding the brewery/distillery/cider regulations.

I am in strong support of allowing “other recreational or gaming opportunities” including; festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, and other types of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public, to be allowed in breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Adding such regulations effects much more than the said breweries, distilleries or cideries. It hinders so many other local artisans, creators, and small businesses. With the current state of Alaska’s economy, stifling local business and small artisans should be the last priority of our regulators. Breweries are already limited by their operating hours and consumption amounts. The need to limit the activities they may host is unnecessary and frivolous.

I intently believe that AMCO could be investing their resources and regulations towards higher risk hard liquor establishments rather than small, local, and limited tasting rooms.

I appreciate your time and consideration in making Anchorage a modern, vibrant, and most importantly economically sustainable place to live.

Thank you,

Jarek Kupczynski

**From:** [Jarek Kupczynski](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 11:03:39 AM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to speak my opinion on the latest announcement regarding the brewery/distillery/cider regulations.

I am in strong support of allowing “other recreational or gaming opportunities” including; festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, and other types of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public, to be allowed in breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Adding such regulations effects much more than the said breweries, distilleries or cideries. It hinders so many other local artisans, creators, and small businesses. With the current state of Alaska’s economy, stifling local business and small artisans should be the last priority of our regulators. Breweries are already limited by their operating hours and consumption amounts. The need to limit the activities they may host is unnecessary and frivolous.

I intently believe that AMCO could be investing their resources and regulations towards higher risk hard liquor establishments rather than small, local, and limited tasting rooms.

I appreciate your time and consideration in making Anchorage a modern, vibrant, and most importantly economically sustainable place to live.

Thank you,

Jarek Kupczynski  
Head Brewer  
Turnagain Brewing Company

**From:** [Deb Houlden-Engvall](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes to the Recreational or Gaming Opportunities in the regulations of the ABC Board  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 2:33:01 PM

---

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the proposed changes in dealing with the recreational or gaming opportunities at small microbreweries in Alaska.  
I believe the changes are for 3 AAC 304.390.

I am opposed to changes that would not allow small breweries to give tours, hand artwork as part of a community First Friday Art Walk, have public events, or political candidates listen to citizens comments or the like.

In the already challenging economic times that Alaska is facing, this will only further impact small businesses in small communities throughout the state. Having traveled throughout Alaska as well as other states, microbreweries are already limited by ABC Boards on so many things they can't do. I urgent you NOT to impose further restrictions.

I request that you allow small breweries to continue to be a vibrant economic and culture thread in our smaller Alaskan communities.

Sincerely,

Debra Houlden-Engvall  
1112 East Rezanof Drive  
Kodiak, AK 99615

**From:** [Tristan Glowa](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Representative.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov); [Coghill, John \(LEG\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing "3 AAC 304.390." Brewery & Distillery Restrictions  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 3:00:52 PM

---

Dear members of the Alaska Alcohol & Beverage Control Board,

**I urge you not to proceed with the proposed restrictive definitions being put forward in 3 AAC 304.390 regarding "other recreational and gaming opportunities."** I have no personal financial stake in this matter, and am writing exclusively as a concerned citizen representing the broad public opposition to this revision from Alaskans without business interests in the industry. These restrictions not only would quash an emergent, safe, and vibrant part of the Alaska economy, it would be a major detriment to community life.

The current regulations that restrict gaming and entertainment are sufficient to draw distinction between tasting rooms and more traditional bars and brewpubs. The proposed new definitions go much too far — by so thoroughly outlawing the public events and social opportunities that can be hosted at tasting rooms, you will hamstring Alaskans' ability to support a local value-added industry. Moreover, these venues have attracted events such as presentations, public lectures, arts events, and more precisely because our communities not only want to support local craft manufacturers, but because we appreciate the safe and regulated environment of limited alcohol consumption that these venues provide. In the past several years, these tasting rooms have become centers of socializing, community connection, and the arts with all the caveats of the limited services in comparison to a traditional bar. Approving these regulatory restrictions would needlessly hamstring a vibrant realm of social life in Alaska when we are a state that desperately needs these social opportunities to stay resilient through dark and isolating winter seasons.

Traditional bar and brewpub owners already have sufficient added privileges in their operations that should allow them to compete with tasting rooms at breweries and distilleries handily without the added burden of producing an alcoholic product. If they are struggling to attract customers because of the entrance of tasting rooms into the market, that should just be grounds for them to innovate and compete harder to offer an appealing environment for customers.

Listen to the public and do not approve these revised definitions.

Thank you,  
**Tristan Glowa**  
2010 St. Bernard Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
+1 907-750-8119 (m)

**From:** [Jann Douple](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Jann Douple Mylet](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment: proposed modifications  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 4:04:41 PM

---

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed modifications that would prohibit onsite activities at alcohol manufacturing businesses, such as breweries or distilleries.

I regularly attend social events - fundraisers, lectures, book signings, concerts, and other community events - that are held at breweries in the Anchorage area, and I also work at a statewide nonprofit that hosts a popular monthly community event at a brewery. The tasting rooms and gathering spaces at these venues provide a casual and welcoming atmosphere for public events and provide a space for people to connect with one another, learn, and support causes they are passionate about. They offer a wonderful, accessible, and cost-effective alternative to formal auditoriums or conference centers, and it would be a huge loss to Anchorage and communities across the state to impose new restrictions that would keep them from offering events that engage and support our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jann D. Mylet  
Chugiak

**From:** [Anna Tobin](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding your proposed regulation changes to AC 304.390  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 4:12:00 PM

---

AMCO-

I'm writing to you to voice my concerns about your proposed regulations on breweries that you have tried to call "clarifications" to current laws. Alaska already has some of the most strict regulations for breweries and taprooms in the country, and your proposed regulations would make laws even more strict, which will only serve to hamper a growing and prospering industry in our great state. (If what I'm reading online is correct and this is due to pressure from the people who say they were unfairly "forced" to pay for a liquor licence, then shame on you. The cost of an alcohol license is sadly due to the free market economy and is a fight best saved for another day).

Breweries and taprooms (and tasting rooms) currently host events that serve to highlight charities and fundraisers, support local artists, and bring communities together in an environment that is safe, fun, and relaxing. Ask any patron of a brewery tap room why they love it and they'll tell you that brewery tap rooms are places that are LOCAL, they are family friendly, and they are engaging with customers. Your proposed regulations will make them less family friendly and less able to engage with their community and customer base.

Tap rooms provide breweries the opportunity to reach out to their customers and provide many communities with places to gather and celebrate life in the 49th state. They attract tourists and allow for people to enjoy a drink or two without encountering inebriated patrons (thanks for the 36-oz rule, which I actually love and support). Your proposed legislation would stop breweries from hosting fundraisers (to benefit their communities), from giving tours (to educate people and make them more interested in brewing), from offering classes and presentations (usually not about beer or brewing, and usually offered for free from/to the general public), and would add more confusion to the laws surrounding breweries.

In reading your proposed regulations, I'm left confused. What defines a "social gathering"? How are breweries and tap rooms supposed to draw in customers if they don't "advertise to the general public"? If a tap puller educates a customer on the difference between a saison and a tripel, does that count as a "presentation" or a "class"? If I ask a brewer for a tour of his brewhouse, will he have to say that he legally can't give me one? When my friends and I bring a board game to our favorite brewery, will we not be allowed to stay and play it? If a brewery wants to collect money for a charitable event or cause, will the state come in and confiscate it?

Your current regulations already do enough to hinder breweries and their ability to be successful in Alaska. And most of them have succeeded even with tough restrictions on games, television, music, and entertainment. Your proposed regulation "clarifications" would only make things worse and would threaten the jobs of many hardworking Alaskans. You'll take away gathering places and opportunities for Alaskans to help each other through fundraising, educational classes, and festivals to celebrate living in our great state. Don't pass the proposed wording for the regulation. Leave the breweries, meaderies, cideries, and distilleries alone; you're regulating them to death.



A concerned, beer-loving citizen,  
Anna Lewald  
[Tobin.lewald@gmail.com](mailto:Tobin.lewald@gmail.com)  
Anchorage, AK

**From:** [Diego Donna](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment AS 04.11.130(e)  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 4:17:34 PM

---

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm submitting this correspondence as a public comment on the proposed changes on definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities.

I'm concerned how this would affect breweries and distilleries in their opportunity and ability to compete when many bars already have dedicated spaces for recreational or gaming opportunities such as shuffle board, darts, pool tables and dance floors that attract plenty of patrons. I believe the two can coexist especially due to their operating hours and community impact. Events such as First Friday greatly contribute to the success of local artists especially in spaces where they can display their work and it would be a shame if they ceased to exist as a result of what I believe to be misinformed and prejudiced legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Diego.

# Alaska State Legislature



## *Official Business*

September 16, 2019

Ms. Erika McConnell  
Director, Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7th Ave, Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Director McConnell,

It has come to our attention the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office is considering regulations that would further limit the rights of breweries and distilleries to hold various types of events. Alaska's brewers and distillers have been diligently following the law as they understand it. This proposed change in regulation by your office would do harm to small businesses across Alaska and conflict with the intent of the law as it was passed.

Past Legislatures successfully amended AS 04.11.130-140 to outline the types of activities which breweries and distilleries are prohibited from making available in their establishments. Many of us helped work on these bills and believe brewers and distillers are acting in accordance with legislative intent. Taprooms have always been intended to be venues where gatherings can be held.

If there is a discrepancy in statute that needs clarification, then we implore AMCO to allow the Legislature to revise the statute through legislation during the 2020 regular session rather than disrupt local businesses. We ask AMCO to put these regulations on hold to allow the Legislature time to deliberate. If AMCO implements these regulations ahead of the regular legislative session in January, it would damage the brewing and distilling industry.

Brewers and distillers are a small, but growing manufacturing industry in a state where it is difficult to start a business and maintain it during this current economic turndown. Heavy-handed regulation could stifle those successes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact our offices directly if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "TBegich".

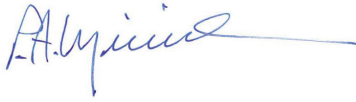
Senator Tom Begich  
District J - Anchorage

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Scott Kawasaki".

Senator Scott Kawasaki  
District A - Fairbanks

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jesse Kiehl".


Senator Jesse Kiehl  
District Q - Juneau



Senator Peter Micciche  
District O - Soldotna



Rep. Harriet Drummond  
District 18 - Anchorage



Rep. Sara Hannan  
District 33 - Juneau



Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins  
District 35 - Sitka



Rep. John Lincoln  
District 40 - Kotzebue



Rep. Kelly Merrick  
District 14 - Eagle River



Rep. Sara Rasmussen  
District 22 - Anchorage



Rep. Chris Tuck  
District 23 - Anchorage

cc: Licensed Alaska Distilleries and Breweries

**From:** [Alex MacGillivray](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Leave our breweries alone  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 7:04:11 PM

---

I'm writing to you to voice as strongly as I can, how shocked I am at these new proposed regulations to further strangle Alaska's brewing industries. There is no point in reciting back to you line by line what AMCO is proposing, but be sure I have grievances with each and everyone of them. The current regulations have already broken the Alaska constitution as well as the US Constitution including the 14th Amendment including the Commerce Clause, in addition to our 1st Amendment rights.

This is the only state I've ever been in where being an American is strangled in a brewery. Our country's revolution was formulated in a brewery and now with these laws, who obviously support bar owners only, are un-American and certainly do not support a free market where the customers' choices and liberties are taken away. I am against these new regulations and I certainly hope that going into the future, you are no longer influenced by CHARR and listen to the people that live in Alaska and the tourists that visit this great state all year long.

Best Regards,  
Alex MacGillivray  
884 Mizzen Lane  
Ketchikan, Alaska  
99901  
907 220 7492



--

-- *Alex*

**From:** [Kyra Matala](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regulation concerns!  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:32:33 AM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am writing to speak my opinion on the latest announcement regarding the brewery/distillery/cidery regulations.

I am in strong support of allowing “other recreational or gaming opportunities” including; festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, presentations or performances, and other types of social gatherings that are advertised to the general public, to be allowed in breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Adding such regulations effects much more than the said breweries, distilleries or cideries. It hinders so many other local artisans, creators, and small businesses. With the current state of Alaska’s economy, stifling local business and small artisans should be the last priority of our regulators. Breweries are already limited by their operating hours and consumption amounts. The need to limit the activities they may host is unnecessary and frivolous.

I intently believe that AMCO could be investing their resources and regulations towards higher risk hard liquor establishments rather than small, local, and limited tasting rooms.

I appreciate your time and consideration in making Anchorage a modern, vibrant, and most importantly economically sustainable place to live.

Thank you.  
Kyra Matala

**From:** [audrey.renschen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery tasting room regulations  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:16:29 AM

---

After reading Dana Waluklewicz's 9/17/19 ADN Commentary, I am compelled to oppose the new proposed AMCO regulations limiting brewery tasting rooms. I find it shocking that the Board has ignored a Department of Law legal opinion on the proposed regulations.

I have never attended any of the social gatherings involved, but they seem to contribute to a healthy community environment. These are not situations where people are getting rip-roaring drunk and posing a threat to the community. In fact the limitations on the amount of alcohol served is a healthy control factor.

I strongly encourage the Board to withdraw these regulations. Our quality of life in Alaska needs a boost these days. Please recognize the need for people to relax and bond in a healthy environment.

Audrey Renschen

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Robin Grace](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** support events  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:19:19 AM

---

Dear ABC Board

Please continue to allow community events in our breweries and distilleries in Alaska. In Haines, the community turnout for meetings and events such as First Friday Art exhibits ENHANCE wellbeing.

Art reflects emotion, community, possibility. In a safe and supportive environment, we experience inspiration. There are few places and opportunities to meet, to celebrate beauty, to support community - all of which builds confidence. In our breweries and distilleries, community members alcohol consumption is strictly limited. People come together in these venues in productive ways.

Thank you,  
Robin Grace

***Robin Grace LCSW, Psychotherapist***

**541-914-4914**

**[robingrace.com](http://robingrace.com)**

NOTICE: This email (including attachments) is covered by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. 2510-2521, is confidential, and may be privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, please be aware that any retention, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is prohibited. Please reply to the sender that you have received this message in error and, then, delete it. Thank you for helping to maintain privacy. Email messages typically reside on various servers even after all parties have deleted the messages. Therefore, email should not be considered a secure form of communication. I cannot guarantee confidentiality in an email message.

CITY OF SOLDOTNA  
RESOLUTION 2019-040

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD'S  
PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 3 AAC 304.390,  
DEFINING 'RECREATIONAL OR GAMING OPPORTUNITIES'

---

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute AS 04.11.130 allows breweries to sell up to 36 ounces per person for consumption on premises contingent on the prohibition of on-site live entertainment, televisions, pool tables, dart games, dancing, electronic or other games, game tables, or other recreational or gaming opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has issued notice of a proposed change to Section 3 AAC 304.390, to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities" to include festivals, games and competitions, classes, non-private parties, presentations or performances, or other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Soldotna contains one licensed brewery, Kenai River Brewing Company, centrally located within its municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Kenai River Brewing Company supports a broad range of community organizations such as the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, the Tsalteshi Trails Association, the Kenai Watershed Forum, the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra, and other organizations through its nonprofit beer lines and corresponding public launch events to raise donation funding; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Relay for Life has established an annual "Brewery to Bathroom" public event held at the brewery for the American Cancer Society, which has grown in two years to become the second-largest fundraiser for the Kenai Peninsula Relay for Life; and

WHEREAS, Soldotna-area breweries have benefited the local business community as an informal venue for events such as the First Friday meet-up of the Kenai Young Professionals, as well as hosting an event during the 2018 Alaska Startup Week; and

WHEREAS, the growth in community-oriented tasting rooms has contributed to Soldotna's economy and downtown development, by engaging locals and tourists alike; and

WHEREAS, AS 04.06.100 tasks the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board with adopting regulations that are "necessary to carry out the purpose of this title [Title 4 – Alcoholic Beverages] in a manner that will protect the public health, safety, and welfare;" and

WHEREAS, the proposed definition provides no additional public health, safety, or welfare benefit while conversely introducing possible harm to Soldotna's downtown development and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA, ALASKA:

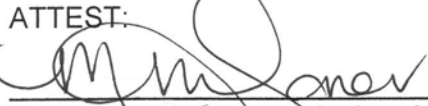
Section 1. That the Council of the City of Soldotna respectfully requests that the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board not adopt Section 3.AAC 304.390 to define 'other recreational or gaming opportunities' as proposed.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board as official public comment.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

  
Paul J. Whitney, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Michelle M. Sauer, MMC, City Clerk

Yes: Cox, Cashman, Chilson, Ruffridge, Whitney  
No: None  
Absent: Parker

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON DEFINITIONS OF RECREATIONAL OR  
GAMING OPPORTUNITIES  
IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board proposes to adopt regulation changes in 3 AAC 304 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities, including the following:

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section proposed to define “other recreational or gaming opportunities.”

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office at 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1600, Anchorage AK 99501. Additionally, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board will accept comments by electronic mail at [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov). Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 4, 2019.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office at 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501 or to [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov). The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and AMCO website.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office at [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov) or (907) 269-0350 not later than September 24, 2019, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office at [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov) or (907) 269-0350.

After the public comment period ends, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

**Statutory authority:** AS 04.06.090; AS 04.06.100; AS 04.11.130; AS 04.11.140; AS 04.11.170

**Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific:** AS 04.11.130; AS 04.11.170

**Fiscal information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office at [amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov), giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

Date: August 26, 2019



---

Erika McConnell, Director  
Alcoholic and Marijuana Control Office

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section to read:

**3 AAC 304.390. Definitions.**

(a) For the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, “other recreational or gaming opportunities” includes

(1) festivals;

(2) games and competitions;

(3) classes;

(4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;

(5) presentations or performances;

(6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public. (Eff. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_\_)

|                   |              |              |              |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Authority:</b> | AS 04.06.090 | AS 04.06.100 | AS 04.11.130 |
|                   | AS 04.11.140 | AS 04.11.170 |              |

**From:** [info@valdezbrewing.com](mailto:info@valdezbrewing.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments On Brewery Regulation Changes  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:19:09 AM

---

Dear AMCO,

As an owner in a brewery that is about to finish construction and open its doors, I have thought long and hard the newly defined regulations that are being suggested. As a knee jerk reaction, like most, I was amazed these are being considered. Purely on why are they needed. Then I stepped back and looked more deeply why, the bars and the restaurants complaining we are over stepping boundaries of licensing seems to be the main support to these changes.

Articles I have read and bar owners I have talked to there are lots of complaining that we didn't have to buy liquor license, we are depleting the value of the liquor license allowing breweries to operate like they are currently, we are in unfair advantage not having to make this capital investment on licensing.

To me this correlates exactly like the commercial mining or fishing in the State of Alaska. At one-point claims were virtual free and commercial fishing permits were there for the taking. Until a max number was reached or the resource itself needed regulations to be protected, but all the individuals that put in the hard work to help develop the industry at the start got a bonus for that, a claim or a permit that they could sell. Liquor license are the same way, at some point a bar license was over the counter permit, but that person who got that permit had to take a risk and start a new industry in Alaska.

Just like the breweries are doing now. A new blooming industry coming into Alaska. And now instead of seeing the millions of dollars of investment these companies are putting into small communities we want to slow this progress with more regulations. And regulations mainly pushed by a user group that is just not wanting new competition in their fields. The economic term of it is rent-seeking. Trying to knock down new competition and capitalism through new regulations to benefit the already established companies.

If the bars are worried people will go to breweries instead of their bar, they are more than capable of getting a brewery license and investing the money into equipment to give the people what they want. But they don't want to do that, they just don't want the option out there so people can't make the choice on where to go.

I would hope the state would not slow economic growth to protect old user groups. And I feel there is even different user groups in this equation. As an individual the last time I went to a traditional "bar" was well over 10 years ago, in my younger days, but I visit breweries every chance I get. If there is not a brewery option in a community, I just don't go out. I would grab another Alaska beer at the liquor store instead. Sadly the only thing this truly hurts is helping fill a social void in small communities like Valdez that doesn't want another bar, but a more community hang out than a bar normally provides.

I hope the AMCO highly considers these unneeded regulation changes. And I hope that state Senate follows in the coming months by allowing more social activities at local breweries. I am all for max drinks and hours, but restricting activates further only tries to protect a different user group and it is not progressive and beneficial to the States diverse economic growth.

Sincerely,

Timothy Bouchard

**Valdez Brewing LLC**

[info@valdezbrewing.com](mailto:info@valdezbrewing.com)

141 Galena Dr.

PO Box 967, Valdez AK 99686

Cell: (907) 322-3825

**From:** [Cindy Holland](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to restrictive regulations...  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:36:25 AM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being a fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Cindy Holland**  
Soldotna, AK





## THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE FOUNDATION

Bald eagle conservation through empowering public education

12 September 2019

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

To whom it may concern:

The American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF) would like to express our opposition to proposed regulations which would prevent local tasting rooms from continuing to function as community event spaces. ABEF has worked with both the Haines Brewery and the Port Chilkoot Distillery as educational venues during First Friday and similar events. These events are opportunities to connect with the community we serve in a space which is safe and welcoming, and have allowed us to promote other educational opportunities available in the community. The space and services they provide are invaluable to our organization, other nonprofits, local artists, and community members alike. We strongly support maintaining the right to allow gatherings and events in tasting rooms.

Best,

Sidney Campbell, CPBT-KA  
Raptor Program Manager  
American Bald Eagle Foundation  
sidney@baldeagles.org  
907.766.3094

AMCO

SEP 16 2019

I am writing to urge the board to resist political pressure to restrict Alaskan breweries and distilleries in all the ways you are now proposing.

The current renaissance in new businesses that create craft beers and distilled spirits is helping to change the culture of how we share a drink together in our state. The reason these new business are experiencing such enthusiastic success is because they are offering something we have not seen before. These community-anchored businesses give us an opportunity to gather together and enjoy a beer or a cocktail in a safe and celebratory environment. For the most part, they are businesses that collaborate with, and contribute to, many other profit and nonprofit organizations, as well as individuals and causes that are valued in their respective towns and cities. They are helping to deepen relationships and they are creating richer communities by hosting art shows and markets, collaborating with other vendors, and they are sponsoring fund raising events for causes important to the community.

All of this success with limited hours and 3 ounces of alcohol per person.

What you don't see in these tasting rooms is excessive alcohol consumption, drugged drinks, and violence.

If the board's main purpose is to:

*Enforce alcohol and marijuana commerce laws and provide clear, consistent standards for licensure to protect the public from harm.*

Then, by restricting distilleries and breweries, it is my opinion you are doing neither.

Alaska has a destructive and troubled relationship with alcohol. Statistics you are well aware of, have crippled our state for as long as any of us can remember. These young producers are creating not only a product and market which benefit our state economically, but they are also producing a healthy culture in communities long troubled by the effects of alienation and addiction. Lonely drinking with poor company, or none at all, leads to excessive imbibing. There is plenty of recent research that points to the fact that inclusion and community helps to protect individuals from addiction.\* The Alcohol Board should be supporting and encouraging these vital, healthy, community based businesses, not discouraging them.

\*TED TALK: *Everything You Think Know About Addiction is Wrong, Johann Hari*

I encourage the board to rethink the restrictions you are imposing and to reexamine the intent of the legislature.

Marta Lastufka  
135 W. 2nd Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99801



AMCO

SEP 11 2019

**From:** [Jerry Matthews](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3AAC 304.390 Definitions  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:55:47 PM

---

The proposed regulation change “3AAC 304.390 Definitions” does not serve the purpose of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. Breweries, distilleries and Wineries are already very limited in the hours of operation and what they can do in their tap rooms. Most of these regulations do not protect the public health safety or welfare; they only serve to limit the marketing and public perceptions. How do any of the defined recreational or gaming opportunities listed in this proposed change do anything to protect the public safety or welfare? The net result from this will cost the state revenue as the taxes paid from these businesses will be reduced. The people that go to breweries wineries and distilleries are not going to go to a bar or restaurant to try a specific wine, beer or distilled liquor from a manufacture. And most package stores do not want to sell small quantities of these products for people to try.

The Alcohol Beverage Control Board may have the ability to adopt regulations over this industry, but it should limit those regulations to those that protect the public health, safety, and welfare. This is not a regulation that does that.

Sec. 04.06.100. Regulations. (a) The board shall adopt regulations governing the manufacture, barter, sale, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state that are consistent with this title and necessary to carry out the purpose of this title in a manner that will protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Jerrold Matthews  
PO Box 265 Kasilof AK



Virus-free. [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

**From:** [Jim/Jean Ann Alter](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: regulation changes  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:40:31 PM

---

My comment relates to regulations for small breweries and distilleries that also serve their products and allow community functions on their premises.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 17, 2019, at 9:59 AM, CED AMCO REGS (CED sponsored) <amco.regs@alaska.gov> wrote:  
>  
> Hello,  
>  
> Is your comment for a specific regulation(s)? If so, which one: Violations Fine Schedules--Marijuana, or  
Definition of Recreation and Gaming Opportunities--Alcohol?  
>  
> For now, your comment will be treated as a general comment to both the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and  
the Marijuana Control Board and forwarded to their respective general email boxes.  
>  
> Respectfully,  
> Jane Sawyer  
> Regulations Specialist II  
> Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office  
> 907-269-0490  
>  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Jim/Jean Ann Alter <jimjeanalter@hotmail.com>  
> Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019 11:24 AM  
> To: CED AMCO REGS (CED sponsored) <amco.regs@alaska.gov>  
> Subject: regulation changes  
>  
> The regulation changes being considered benefit big business, not growing Alaska businesses. They stomp on  
creativity and eliminate choice for Alaskans. Please do not enact these regulations. Maybe the statutes creating the  
control board need to be reconsidered.

**From:** [Kay Haneline](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Changes to Regulations regarding Breweries  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:05:39 PM

---

It is baffling to me why anyone would want to damage thriving enterprises that make a significant positive contribution to our community by placing more RESTRICTIONS on them. I have been a patron of both Midnight Sun Brewing and King Street Brewing and I object to placing restrictions on these business that would prohibit them from offering valuable services, like displaying and support local artists with First Friday events, etc.

If something isn't broke...why mess with it? If anything, the restrictions should be relaxed to allow live music and other now now limited events.

Please DO NOT change regulations that will damage these businesses and the community they serve.

Thank you

Kay Haneline  
14451 Chawa Circle  
Anchorage, Alaska 99516  
[khaneline1@hotmail.com](mailto:khaneline1@hotmail.com)

**From:** [geodevanni D](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AAC304.390  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:49:17 PM

---

I do not support this. Communities need a place like this that they feel from judgement to heel and vrow within there community amost peers

**From:** [Joseph Sparaga](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed regulation change  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:16:39 PM

---

Hello Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO),

The proposed changes that have been submitted for changes to regulations regarding breweries, distilleries, and winery/meadery, is shocking if not an incredibly heavy-handed response showing blatant favoritism to bars. These small business not only hire locally and make Alaskan products, they are centers for art, for food trucks, for the sharing of ideas and interests of people within communities. The bars in Anchorage in particular, are often dark, dangerous, and completely unappealing to much of the public. I cannot recall how many situations escalated in bars that involved shootings, stabbings, brawls, and over years there was no change. The rules on breweries and other of these producers is already strict compared to many of the states along the western shore of the U.S., to the bafflement of people who visit. However some of these rules have produced safe, clean, and alternative locations for Anchorage residents who find the bars disgusting.

These changes to the regulations are blatantly not for the "well-being" of the community, for safety, or even for some moral consideration. They are a sign that influential person from the bar community feel threatened by this new business model. They refuse to change, refuse to clean their floors, refuse to remove violent drunks, refuse to be places where people want to congregate. This change is not for public safety, this change is to further protect those who should change their principles. I think this should be thrown out, and if changes are truly required, reforming of the laws at the legislature needs to be addressed instead of the cronyism of the night life.

Sincerely, a lifetime Anchorage resident,

Joseph E. Sparaga  
[Jesparaga@gmail.com](mailto:Jesparaga@gmail.com)

**From:** [emily.harshman](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [senator.jesse.kiehl@akleg.gov](#); [representative.sara.hannan@akleg.gov](#); [representative.andi.story@akleg.gov](#)  
**Subject:** opposition to proposed changes to 3 AAC 304  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:50:12 PM

---

Dear AMCO,

I am completely opposed to proposed regulation 3 AAC 304.390. What statutory authority do you, as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, have to regulate anything beyond alcohol? Please provide an answer.

I support that the ABC board regulates the types and amounts of alcohol that can be served by distilleries and breweries. As a woman, I really appreciate that I can go to any brewery or distillery and never have to worry about being accosted by drunk bar patrons. For this, and many other reasons, I do not frequent bars. Even if there were no distilleries or breweries in Juneau, I still would not go to bars. If bars are worried about losing market share, they should start focusing on their business and provide a better product, including a safe and welcoming environment.

Governor Dunleavy has also asked all Departments across the state to analyze their regulations and put forth proposals to decrease regulatory burden. One of the reasons for this is to decrease road blocks to business owners in order to increase economic development throughout the state. This proposed regulatory change is the complete opposite of the Administration's vision for decreasing regulatory burden. If anything, your proposed regulations should be decreasing the restrictions on breweries and distilleries, not adding to them.

Emily Palmer

Juneau AK

Cc Jessie Kiehl, Andy Story, Sara Hannan



**From:** [Kathryn Carovano](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations for tasting rooms  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:36:25 PM

---

Dear AMCO Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition the proposed regulations that would prohibit festivals, classes, and other types of organized social gatherings at tasting rooms. I do not believe these new regulations have any justification in terms of the AMCO mission to protect the health and safety of the public. Have you received a significant number of complaints about the impact of these types of activities on any one's health or safety? If not, I urge you to amend or withdraw this proposed regulation. It is unnecessary and will only have a negative impact on small, Alaskan-owned businesses. What is the good in that?

Thank you, Kathryn Carovano

**From:** [Jon Kurland](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Regs on Recreational or Gaming Opportunities  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:18:37 PM

---

Dear ABC Board Members,

I strongly oppose your proposed regulations to change the definition for recreational or gaming opportunities. Preventing breweries and distilleries from hosting any social gathering advertised to the public is entirely unnecessary. No public harm would derive from continuing to allow tasting rooms to be used for advertised gatherings such as art shows, parties, festivals, or classes. Please quit trying to over-regulate these emerging Alaska businesses that fill an important niche for people who like having an alternative to the traditional bar scene. Thank you.

Jon Kurland  
9155 Black Wolf Way  
Juneau AK 99801

**From:** [Tina Miller](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Draft Regulation of Definition of Other Recreational or Gaming Opportunit  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:42:00 PM

---

Hello,

I disagree with the proposed draft regulation of the definition of the "Other Recreational or Gaming Opportunities". While the phrase as is It is a muddy, subjective phrase in the current regulations - an alternative solution would be to remove the phrase rather than add a definition.

Thank you,

Tina Miller

**From:** [Tristan Knutson-Lombardo](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: tasting room regs  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 6:35:48 AM

---

Hi,

While I understand it is not AMCO's job to write new law, Alaska's grossly outdated liquor licensing regulations need revising desperately to bring traditional bars/restaurants and tasting rooms into a more equitable alignment.

I oppose further restrictions on tasting rooms. Alaska's drinking habits have not only changed since the last major re-write to our alcohol laws, these venues actually *promote* responsible and safe drinking. Traditional bars, by and large, simply promote *lots* of drinking. While not exclusive to each and every institution in our state, the way most traditional bars operate present a public health issue--dare I say emergency? (Ever been to 'bar break' in downtown Juneau or Anchorage on a Friday or Saturday night?) These new regulations will, whether intended to or not, end up rewarding bars and the negative public health effects that come with them.

I'm not necessarily writing this "in favor" of tasting rooms, but I believe these new regulations to be ill-advised with any good intention misplaced. I believe that anyone who serves alcohol to the general public should have to play by the same rules. And those rules deserve a significant legislative update, not a bureaucratic change in regulations that simply worsens the problem.

Thank you,  
Tristan Knutson-Lombardo  
Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [Erin Tilly](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Cease and desist your harassment of small businesses.  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 8:40:22 AM

---

To the members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board:

If I had the ability, this messy business would end simply and succinctly with your dismissal. Your tenure as a board has been rife with obvious bias, overreach, and clumsy machinations that directly and immediately damage small businesses statewide. This damage extends not only to the business owners, but to their families, employees, and the communities that surround and support, in turn are supported by, these small, independent businesses. The infuriating hypocrisy of your "small government" appointers (already tarnished) cry of "Alaska is Open for Business!" while his appointees stubbornly and almost maliciously work to drive actual, Alaskan businesses to destitution is rich, to say the least. These small companies have already weathered MANY damaging months due to these inanities that you have inflicted on them. While a large company or a bar might weather the loss of a few patrons with little thought, these establishments lose valuable capital.

While the Board has been charged with overseeing the safe dispersal of intoxicants in the state of Alaska, the board members might wish to go back and read their charter to remind themselves of this. Unless the Board's final goal is for patrons to pound straight liquor served through a hole in the wall (from the bottle of course, because heaven forbid these hooligans drink from a cup, it might encourage the ENJOYMENT of LIQUOR) in a dimly lit basement and then leap immediately into their cars and drive away, none of these regulations are of any positive effect. Tasting rooms are currently clean, safe and encourage responsible drinking. Unlike bars, I don't have to worry about being roofied or groped. Unlike bars, I don't have to worry about stepping in piss, vomit, or other bodily fluids. Unlike bars, everything isn't vaguely sticky. Unlike bars, there isn't a drunk asshole in the corner starting a fight I'll have to dodge. Unlike bars, I can enjoy local art. Unlike bars, I can support other local businesses who have partnered with the tasting rooms. Unlike bars, people are \*at tasting rooms to enjoy the community in a respectful, adult fashion\*. While I quite enjoy a good night out at the bar, \*the bar is far, FAR, more dangerous\*.

Continually manipulating and piling restrictions on small business owners who are just trying to get their product to market in a safe and welcoming environment is unacceptable. Attempting to legislate that business owners cannot advertise or hold events that showcase their product or hold events interesting to the public is patently ridiculous.

So while the happy power to send you packing does not rest with me, known that I will not stand idly by while you run a new, sustainable, Alaskan industry into the ground to satisfy some sort of perverse puritan influence.

I support local businesses. I support new statewide industries. And I will 100% support them, both financially and politically, when they take you to court to overturn your latest idiotic round of restrictions.

Explanations for your behavior may reach me at this email address.

Erin R. Tilly

Alaskan business owner and voter.

**From:** [Dave Musgrave](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Overreach  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 9:33:44 AM  
**Attachments:** [Alaska State Legisture Letter.png](#)

---

I agree with the attached letter from the Alaska State Legislature's letter to you. Note in particular, "Taprooms have always been intended to venues where gatherings can be held".

I attend non-profit gatherings at taprooms in the Palmer area. This proposed regulation is overreaching and should be withdrawn or, if that is not possible, denied.

Dave Musgrave  
6176 E Altra Dr  
Palmer AK 99645

# Alaska State Legislature



## *Official Business*

September 16, 2019

Ms. Erika McConnell  
Director, Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7th Ave, Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Director McConnell,

It has come to our attention the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office is considering regulations that would further limit the rights of breweries and distilleries to hold various types of events. Alaska's brewers and distillers have been diligently following the law as they understand it. This proposed change in regulation by your office would do harm to small businesses across Alaska and conflict with the intent of the law as it was passed.

Past Legislatures successfully amended AS 04.11.130-140 to outline the types of activities which breweries and distilleries are prohibited from making available in their establishments. Many of us helped work on these bills and believe brewers and distillers are acting in accordance with legislative intent. Taprooms have always been intended to be venues where gatherings can be held.

If there is a discrepancy in statute that needs clarification, then we implore AMCO to allow the Legislature to revise the statute through legislation during the 2020 regular session rather than disrupt local businesses. We ask AMCO to put these regulations on hold to allow the Legislature time to deliberate. If AMCO implements these regulations ahead of the regular legislative session in January, it would damage the brewing and distilling industry.

Brewers and distillers are a small, but growing manufacturing industry in a state where it is difficult to start a business and maintain it during this current economic turndown. Heavy-handed regulation could stifle those successes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact our offices directly if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

Senator Tom Begich  
District J - Anchorage

A handwritten signature in blue ink, featuring a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Senator Scott Kawasaki  
District A - Fairbanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, with a prominent, stylized 'J'.

Senator Jesse Kiehl  
District Q - Juneau

**From:** [Judy Gci](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on draft regulation ABC board  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 11:13:22 AM

---

I would like to comment on the following proposed regulation

3 AAC 304.390 is a new section proposed to define “other recreational or gaming opportunities.”

- (1) festivals;
- (2) games and competitions;
- (3) classes;
- (4) parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests;
- (5) presentations or performances;
- (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general

I have been an Alaska resident since 1977 and have seen the environment around Alaska alcohol consumption change over the years. The current proposed definition is going to alter one of the most positive changes in the alcohol consumption behaviors. Up until recently the only way to enjoy an alcoholic beverage was to go to a bar or restaurant. Often the bar scene is not one that promotes community involvement and enrichment. If you are a single or a family not wishing to consume in the bar environment or a formal restaurant the new establishments that limit consumption are a refreshing addition to the communities. I object to redefining the language that seems to be written to specifically target the places that have enhanced our communities. These new establishments provide a valuable community resource as a gathering place for wholesome camaraderie often targeting a specific community activity. Their limited hours and limited amount of Alcohol consumption per person provide a much needed refreshing community service. The younger generation of Alaskans are looking for a way to work and live in the place they call home. These enterprises are an asset to our communities.

Thank you  
Judith Hauck, Juneau

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Michael Wolcott](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 11:21:23 AM

---

Please stop these proposed changes to breweries. You're crushing small business and our community. I speak to everyone I know in the Anchorage and Fairbanks area and these changes are not what the public supports. Breweries already have such ridiculous limitations on them. The license price argument isn't fair due to the massive startup costs associated with starting a brewery and the already ridiculous rules in place limiting what they can do. As a lifelong Anchorage resident I support the breweries and distilleries in ending this needless campaign.

**From:** [Pat Tynan](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Kiehl, Jesse W \(LEG\)](#); [Hannan, Sara \(LEG\)](#); [Story, Andrea \(LEG\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restrictions of tasting rooms - breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 12:48:58 PM

---

Greetings.

I am writing in support of allowing local breweries and distilleries to provide our communities (me) with the opportunities to enjoy functions such as; concerts, small gatherings/parties, presentations, book readings, performances and such.

It is a different environment from a normal bar and offers another option to going out for a drink and recreation. I enjoy going on occasion to an elegant bar, a dark bar with pool tables and a few of our more funky bars that serve good food. Going out to one of our local breweries or the distillery facility does not keep me from experiencing the licensed premises - it adds to the variety of experiences in town.

As we know times change and as these tasting rooms become more popular Alaska's statutes need to adapt to what the public desires. Shutting them out is not progress and only service to make the public less sympathetic to the true objectives of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, which is not exclusively to protect the liquor license holders and their distributors. Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Tynan  
8351 River Place  
Juneau, AK 99801

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Vicki Logan](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Draft Regulation regarding breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 1:10:57 PM

---

To Alcohol Beverage Control Board

I am opposed to the draft regulation package restricting alcohol at multiple types of events such as events at breweries and distilleries. I ask that the board reject this draft proposal. There is no reason to put restrictions on serving alcohol in this way.

Vicki Logan  
1125 B Street  
Juneau AK 99801

**From:** [Linda Kruger](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Editor - Juneau Empire](#)  
**Subject:** Tasting rooms  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 2:57:53 PM

---

I support keeping the regulation of tasting rooms as it is. We don't need new regulations restricting their activities. My experience in Juneau is that these sites have opened the door to more community engagement. We should all be supporting strong, healthy communities. These facilities have added to the places available for parties, small concerts, family and work place parties, and small gatherings of all kinds. These places used to be known as Third Places - places to gather outside of our homes and workplaces. In the 80s and 90s bookstores were important third places. In Juneau, breweries and distilleries have picked up this role, becoming important additions to our communities. Please don't diminish their ability to contribute to the fabric of our community!

Linda Kruger  
3042 Nowell Ave  
PO Box 35012  
Juneau 99803

**From:** [Johnathan Pollard](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Absurd brewery laws  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:27:02 PM

---

Hello,

I was recently visiting a few Alaskan craft breweries and I kept seeing this sign about a maximum service of 36 oz. per adult human per day. I was blown away so I asked the bartender and found out that the ridiculousness didn't stop there. Not only could I not buy more than two pints and a taster, but the brewery could also not have live entertainment, serve past 8 pm, etc. Thinking this was about as crazy as it could possibly get in America (land of the free) they then informed me that there would be additional laws voted on soon that would ban free brewery tours.

Not only do I believe that those additional laws are not only insane but also a huge overreach of governmental authority, I also think the current laws in place need a major overhaul to get up to the current century. Our country is based on the principles of free economy and these laws actively target small businesses simply because they compete with a status quo (bars). Anyone voting for increased legislation (or even to keep the existing legislation) is in my opinion corrupt (or blind) and will not be getting my vote in any election ever. And if I happen to find out that they own certain businesses, they would also lose my business and that of anyone I can talk to about this matter going forward.

Thank you for your time. I trust that you will make the right decision and not further limit small business development simply because it competes with an established group of bars.

Johnathan Pollard  
714-504-7040  
[johnathan.pollard@gmail.com](mailto:johnathan.pollard@gmail.com)

**From:** [Charity Platt](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed restrictions on tasting rooms  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:56:19 PM

---

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this in opposition of the proposed restrictions on local tasting rooms. Currently, the regulations are already extreme and unlike other places in the lower 48. I think bar owners are unhappy with the popularity of the growing trend for tasting rooms and are trying to control all aspects of alcohol consumption in our state.

I frequent bars and tasting rooms and they both can be enjoyed equally. Figure out a way for both bars and tasting rooms to work together and share the costs of liquor licenses (the licenses themselves are highly controlled by a small group of people in our community which seems very one sided). In this scenario the customers' wants have been ignored which is the whole reason these places exist in the first place.

Thank you for being responsible as well as considering what customers want.

Sincerely,  
Charity Platt

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Paul Knight](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Restrictions on Alaska Breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 1:45:36 PM

---

I would like to voice my opposition to proposed legislation limiting or restricting Alaskan breweries on holding events. Here in Homer, the breweries have hosted events, fundraisers, and gatherings recognizing people or events that have beneficial to the community and brought the community together. Banning this type of activity serves no useful purpose and only suppresses the attempts of small business to integrate in the community.

Paul Knight  
483A Ocean Dr. Loop  
Homer, AK 99603

**From:** [Beth Leban](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose: restrictions on tasting rooms  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 11:07:27 AM

---

I am writing to oppose the proposed restrictions on the brewery and distillery tasting rooms.

These restrictions limit the use of the space and appear to be randomly restrictive and just plain nonsensical. The activities I have attended at tasting rooms include community presentations, performances and holiday festivals - some of the activities that will be prohibited. These events open to the public have turned out to be well-attended community events. The drinking is minimal and the atmosphere is friendly.

Why are these restrictions on the tasting rooms even being proposed? That is the real question.

I urge the Alcohol Beverage Control Board to come to terms with the reality that tasting rooms are trending across the country that some people prefer the atmosphere in the tasting rooms and the local community engagement that is provided there.

Please stop the continued attack on the distilleries and brewery tasting rooms! These spaces are pro-business and pro-community engagement!

Beth



**From:** [Alicia Leamer](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Opposition to the Proposed Changes on Definitions of Recreational or Gaming Opportunities  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 10:22:16 AM

---

Dear Director Erika McConnell and the entire Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the new proposed brewery license language to replace the "too vague" current language. By disallowing the proposed specific activities (festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, except for private parties limited to specific invited guests, presentations or performances, and other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public) the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) will not only be doing a disservice to the breweries and distilleries, but also to the entire communities in which these businesses operate.

I'm a born and raised Juneauite and can personally attest to the positive impact provided to the community by the breweries and distillery through their participation and support of the specific activities that the AMCO is proposing to disallow.

These businesses are:

- Providing clean family-friendly locations
- Providing a place to meet and enjoy positive and healthy interactions
- Providing support to local artists by providing them a meeting space
- Participating in local events such as First Friday and highlighting various local artists
- Helping with fundraisers for local non-profits

While I enjoy going out to the bars on an occasional Saturday night, I also love having the option to go to a more low-key venue during earlier hours with limited beverages served and participate in some of the wonderful events they put on that are at risk of being banned with the new proposed language.

I ask that the AMCO reconsiders their position on adding this language to the brewery licenses. As the micro-breweries and distilleries are gaining popularity and momentum across the nation, don't allow Alaska to be the poor example of limiting these businesses and the support that they provide to the communities in which they operate, not only economically, but also socially.

I thank you for taking the time to read this email and hope you take my opinion along with thousands of other Alaskans into consideration and don't introduce the narrow new language to the brewery license.

Best regards,  
Alicia Leamer

**From:** [Rebecca Moffat](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 10:11:03 AM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rebecca Moffat  
Wasilla

**From:** [Grace Petersen](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390 Proposed Definitions  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 10:02:36 AM

---

To whomever it may concern,

I have reviewed the proposed definitions for "other recreational or gaming opportunities" for the purpose of AS 04.11.130, AS 04.11.170, and 3 AAC 304.380, and I oppose the proposed list.

**I do not agree** with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board clarifying the definition to restrict breweries and distilleries from holding (1) festivals; (2) games and competitions; (3) classes; (4) parties; (5) presentations or performances; (6) other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public.

**I do not agree** that such events like First Friday art exhibits, charity events, or celebrations like Oktoberfest should be regulated by the proposed definitions.

I agree that clear, consistent standards for licensure to protect the public from harm are necessary, as stated in the ABC board's mission statement. However, the discrepancy between the standards for brewery/distillery tasting rooms and bars/restaurants (e.g. liquor licensees) is already mitigated with the tasting limit (in particular, AS 04.11.130 (e)). The 36 oz limit in and of itself is protection for the public. Bars (and restaurants) are not held to the same stringent standards for patronage and alcohol consumption.

Personally, I prefer tasting rooms that breweries and distilleries offer over traditional bars. The limit restriction generally means that there aren't intoxicated persons, the hours of operation are limited, the product quality that these businesses offer is exceptional, and often their environments are family-friendly. What this means for me is I have a well-lit, family-friendly, clean, and safe environment in which to socialize and find the feeling of community and connection. These definitions aim to take away the most important element, gathering and *community*.

I believe the proposed definitions are a regulatory overstep that are a disadvantage to business owners and their patrons.

Thank you for your consideration.

Grace Petersen

Juneau, Alaska

**From:** [Samantha Wolters](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 9:29:35 AM

---

The proposed changes to breweries must stop. Our community and small businesses are suffering. Everyone I talk to in Fairbanks and in Anchorage do not support these changes. There are major restrictions and regulations on breweries already. The costs associated with starting a brewery are outrageous, and the limitations they have are unfair. The license price argument would have such a negative impact on the breweries who already have such high startup costs. I fully support the distilleries and breweries trying to end this horrible campaign.

**From:** [Phillip Tannehill](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 6:42:24 AM

---

To who it may concern:

I am a life long Alaskan. 74 years.

My opinion, I know from experience that my opinion when dealing with state so called boards does not count..

I feel that current regulations are sufficient and work well. These breweries and distilleries are as I see are no problems. This industry is good for the economy of our state including tourism. I usually never agree with Scott Kiwasaki, but definitely do on this. If changes are made to the regs, it should be done by the legislature and only by them and no appointees..

Phillip Tannehill  
Fairbanks,  
907-322-0102

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Leah Gregg](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 8:30:33 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Leah Gregg  
Juneau

**From:** [Brett Marengo](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes on Definitions of Recreational or Gaming Opportunities  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 8:16:07 PM

---

ABC Board,

As a local brewery owner in Girdwood, and frequenter of local breweries around the state, I am writing this letter to let you know I adamantly oppose the changes being proposed in 3 AAC 304.390.

I believe this is a step in the wrong direction by further limiting a sector of the economy that is currently thriving, in a time where a large portion of Alaska's economy is at a point of stagnation or recession. The purpose of AMCO is to enforce the current regulations, and not to arbitrarily define and restrict them, which is what this proposed change does.

As an owner and employee of a small brewery, I would like to share a few of our contributions to the community and the state. As a small startup in 2017 in a community of ~2,000 people, we started with 3 employees and have grown to a staff of 13 in just over 2 years. In addition we are a local hot spot for community minded gatherings, and have hosted many fundraisers for local non-profits.

In summary I feel the proposed change in 3 AAC 304.390 is short sighted, a blatant overreach of AMCO's role, and will only stifle a budding industry.

Sincerely,  
Brett Marengo

**From:** [Hershberger, Aaron](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alaska Breweries are Amazing - Please Protect Them  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 6:20:39 PM

---

To whom it may concern,

Having quality breweries in Alaska (Anchorage) is a very important part of this community. Breweries are NOT just about beer. They help stimulate tourism, foster creativity, and make this place unique. Adding additional constraints to what our breweries can do is bad for breweries and bad for Alaskans. Please understand, Alaskans love our breweries and will not quietly accept harmful legislation.

Kind regards,

Aaron Hershberger



**From:** [Charity Platt](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed restrictions on tasting rooms  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:56:19 PM

---

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this in opposition of the proposed restrictions on local tasting rooms. Currently, the regulations are already extreme and unlike other places in the lower 48. I think bar owners are unhappy with the popularity of the growing trend for tasting rooms and are trying to control all aspects of alcohol consumption in our state.

I frequent bars and tasting rooms and they both can be enjoyed equally. Figure out a way for both bars and tasting rooms to work together and share the costs of liquor licenses (the licenses themselves are highly controlled by a small group of people in our community which seems very one sided). In this scenario the customers' wants have been ignored which is the whole reason these places exist in the first place.

Thank you for being responsible as well as considering what customers want.

Sincerely,  
Charity Platt

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Geoff Barnard](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed addition of 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:44:45 PM

---

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed addition of Article 304.390 of Section 3 of the Alaska Administrative Code that expands upon the list of activities restricted from taking place on the premises of alcohol manufacturers. In my opinion, the State has no business restricting the practice of otherwise lawful gatherings and activities on the premises of an alcohol manufacturer's tasting room unless there are clear impacts to public safety. The fact that these restrictions are proposed only for alcohol manufacturers (that have existing on-premises consumption limits) and not bars (that have no specific on-premises consumption limits) seems to make clear that the proposed restrictions have nothing to do with public safety. Further, the proposed restrictions could be interpreted as an attempt by the Control Board to steer business toward bars and away from alcohol manufacturers – a choice that should be reserved for the consumer and not a regulatory body.

Alaskan consumers should be allowed the freedom to choose which businesses we patronize without illogical and inexplicable government interference. Please abandon efforts to expand restrictions on brewers and distillers, and instead focus on efforts to level the regulatory playing field to allow for local businesses to thrive when they are able to provide quality products and experiences.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Geoffrey Barnard  
907-250-5320

**From:** [Peter Flynn](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** new regulations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 3:04:54 PM

---

Hello,

I respectfully disagree with the proposed changes to the regulations. Choking the numerous successful small businesses that fall under your regulatory powers with 3 AAC 304.390 is counter to the goals of your body, the goals of our communities, and the economic potential of these establishments. It is ridiculous to not be able to even sing happy birthday to someone when enjoying a drink much less enjoy music or learn about local candidates. Small breweries and distilleries have become cultural hubs while respecting responsible consumption and serving a large population of people who do not enjoy the bar environment. I hope you reconsider these changes and take a cue from the many other states with more reasonable language of governance.

Regards,

Peter Flynn  
Juneau, AK

**From:** [Lyndon Ibele](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed regulation 3AAC304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 4:42:27 PM

---

I am adamantly opposed to the above regulation, which if adopted, would put unnecessary and restrictions on small craft brewers and distilleries. This regulation does not clarify the existing regulation, it greatly increases the already burdensome framework under which these small businesses operate.

This regulation directly conflicts with Governor Dunleavy's "open for business" philosophy.

Do NOT adopt this regulation.

Sincerely,  
Lyndon Ibele  
5650 Naknek Lane  
Anchorage, AK 99516

**From:** [Dennis Bickford](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 8:45:17 AM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

I am an individual who enjoys sharing the new and innovative craft brews with friends and new acquaintances encountered at the craft brewery. I enjoy discussing the creation of a craft beer with the brewers, staff and other consumers.

I think the owners and staff are very conscientious about operating within the current guidelines. Your approach to changing this appears to be very narrow minded and doesn't seem to reflect the craft brewery operators, owners, staff, and consumers.

I think you should back up your current plan and work with the brewers, breweries and consumers to find a better solution.

Keep craft brewers and breweries alive!

Thank you for your consideration,

Dennis Bickford  
Anchorage

**From:** [Adrian Gall](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support jobs and fun at breweries and distilleries  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 7:54:05 AM

---

Dear ABC Board,

The new regulations proposed to restrict activities at breweries and distilleries are terrible. They fly in the face of a fair business environment. Breweries and distilleries should be commended and encouraged to develop their businesses. They are providing spaces and events that were missing from Alaska's social scene. More importantly, they are providing new jobs and helping to diversify our local economies.

Please reject the proposed limits on activities allowed at breweries, distilleries, and wineries in Alaska. Instead of punishing these entrepreneurs for their creativity, the Board should be encouraging all establishments to plan innovative events.

Thank you,  
Adrian Gall  
Fairbanks, AK

**From:** [Wendi Dutcher](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment regarding 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 9:10:27 PM

---

I am writing to oppose the proposed further restrictions on breweries and distillers. Breweries and distillery tasting rooms have been a positive step for Alaska.

These establishments provide the consumer with quality beverages, a healthy environment and community space. The activities that you oppose do not encourage irresponsible consumption of alcohol (after all there are already strict constraints on how much can be served to an individual). On the contrary these activities are often times family oriented and center around building a safe civic minded community. These activities support such wonderful causes as: Hospice, Relay for Life, and Rotary just to name a few. These activities are a way for individuals to contribute to non-profit agencies while interacting with other member of the community and building bonds.

The breweries and restrictions are a growing asset in to the economy of Alaska. At a time like this the state of Alaska needs all that it can have coming in. Why would you want to restrict commerce? Are you afraid of businesses being successful?

Restrictions will not bring more people into bars (which I am guessing are behind these changes). The patrons of these establishments are not the same people who frequent bars. If bars are loosing business, then maybe they need to rethink their business model.

Please do not impose these restrictions.

Wendi Dutcher

**From:** [Molly Tankersley](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Don't restrict breweries  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 9:10:13 PM

---

Hello Chairman Klein,

I am writing you to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

I love Alaska craft beers, and I am also an avid supporter of Alaska small businesses. These unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, those events bring a sense of community to Juneau and are part of what makes Alaska a promising place for young people to live.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other. In fact, I often visit bars and restaurants more so because of breweries- the events draw people downtown and lead to visits to other establishments later in the evening.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Molly Tankersley



**From:** [ggwalker@mosquitonet.com](mailto:ggwalker@mosquitonet.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Draft Regulations impacting tasting rooms  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 8:44:03 PM

---

Dear AMCO Director:

I write in opposition to the change in regulations AMCO is considering which will impact the scope of activities in tasting rooms. To limit social and entertainment activities from distilleries' tasting room is bad for business--my business as an artist whose art work is displayed during First Friday events at the hosting tasting room and remains hanging throughout the month for visitors to view and appreciate. The obvious interest behind the push to limit activities at tasting rooms are bar owners who fear competition. But the business models of bars and tasting rooms are completely different and if I could not be entertained in tasting rooms, I would not be bringing my business to bars.

AMCO should welcome the expansion to community engagement and social opportunities the distilleries and their tasting rooms offer to Alaskan artists, distillers, citizens, visitors and tourists rather than closing down these venues.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Schaffhauser  
PO Box 10872  
Fairbanks, AK 99710

**From:** [Stephanie and Chris Yates and Chiles](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 2:27:44 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I do not support a narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms. I support NO restriction of entertainment, recreational, and cultural events at tasting rooms.

I support Alaskan craft beers and Alaskan small businesses. The proposed unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and hinder the future development and growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

I choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because they are a source of entertainment I seek out. I enjoy the laid-back, friendly, and family-oriented atmosphere that many tasting rooms offer, which is much more appealing to me than a typical bar that allows its visitors to imbibe to the point of extreme drunkenness and in my opinion fosters a culture of excessive partying, loudness, darkness, and dirty deeds.

I visited bars in my 20's; I no longer visit them in my 40's. I have dollars that I could spend on entertainment I value that are currently not spent to boost our economy. At this stage in my life, those dollars will not be spent in a bar, no matter their entertainment factor. People who are looking for the bar scene will continue to visit bars.

Allowing breweries to host "fun" such as events sponsoring music, art, tours, gaming nights, and other events will not compete with bars and taverns; instead, it will boost our economy by absorbing dollars not spent by people like me, while generating new jobs and stimulating development in our communities.

Additionally, breweries and taprooms are already limited by an 8:00 pm closing time. Bars are allowed to stay open into the wee hours of the morning. The open hour limitation on taprooms already favors the bar and tavern industry and hosts a clientele that is exclusive to that industry, which taprooms will not compete with. Adding restrictive definitions of entertainment further hinders the craft brewery industry and Alaskan economic growth.

Please adopt a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation for this community-focused industry, allowing it to continue to grow in the State of Alaska, stimulating our economy and providing a venue for my allocated entertainment dollars.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephanie and Chris Yates and Chiles  
Juneau

**From:** [Shannon Oelkers](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 1:53:25 PM

---

The proposed regulatory changes to 3AAC 304.390 are unacceptable. The purpose of these regulations is to protect public safety and I fail to see how festivals, classes, games, parties, presentations or any other organized social gathering would negatively affect public safety.

What I do see is an effective lobbying campaign from full liquor license holders who are seeing a loss of revenue when people like myself would much rather go to a social event at a brewery where the serving rules create a laid back and moderate atmosphere than to ever go to a regular bar.

This is the second email I've written against these ridiculous restrictions on good, community minded businesses. Please listen this time - we love our tasting rooms and they are amazing for our communities and economies.

How much state time and money has been wasted on this issue? Please pass some regulations to allow breweries and distilleries to operate within common sense parameters, and stop listening to the slick willy lobbyists. Resolve the issue so that breweries and distilleries can grow and be successful without worrying about the rules arbitrarily changing every year.

Shannon Oelkers

--

***Come to the edge, he said. They said: We are afraid. Come to the edge, he said.  
They came. He pushed them and they flew.***

**~ Guillaume Apollinaire**

**From:** [andrea\\_croll@yahoo.com](mailto:andrea_croll@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes Effecting Distilleries and Breweries  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 3:29:21 PM

---

To Whom it May Concern,

Please stop limiting distillery and brewery activities. Please recognize that distilleries and breweries represent a new market in Alaska, and they should not be punished for their success. The degree to which they compete with bars is over-rated. Personally, I don't go to bars anymore, yet I might swing by a distillery for a high-quality hand-crafted cocktail every so often, especially if there is an interesting event or activity planned. The unique atmosphere created by the already established limits to distilleries and breweries (max 2-3 drinks, close at 8) offers a great alternative for folks like me. I think that in order to make liquor licensing fair for everyone, the Alaska Statutes should be revised to offer a wider variety of licenses.

Thank you for your time,  
Andrea Croll  
20-yr resident of Fairbanks  
(907) 458-0067

**From:** [Corinne Conlon](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** opposition to proposed regulatory changes  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 1:43:09 PM

---

Good afternoon,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to 3ACC 304.390. Definitions. My experience with the craft breweries and distilleries in Juneau and Haines is their willingness to provide a opportunities for community members to interact in a pleasant setting. I have attended First Friday events, attended and participated in Amalga Maker Markets, attended hosted events for candidates, attended pop-ups for even smaller businesses among other things. These businesses thrive providing a service to the community and are not charging for the space to do so. Other establishments do not offer the same public service, a setting conducive to do so, or a fee that is economically sustainable.

I'd also like to note that I and many of my friends are not people that would go to a bar, but feel comfortable at the craft breweries and distilleries.

After the initial attempt to reduce this service to these businesses, I am appalled at another attempt to limit small business activities and to hinder their ability to thrive. Alaska is said to be open for business, but I question that statement when it comes to these regulatory attacks that appear to do nothing more but hurt the community more than the business owners. I will continue to go these locales, but I will miss these events that bring the community together.

Sincerely,

Corinne Conlon

9213 Emily Way  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(702) 630-5624

**From:** [Michelle Duncan](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reinterpretation of entertainment in tasting rooms.  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 12:19:25 PM

---

Dear Chairman Klein,

I am writing you today to let you know that I do not support a very narrow and restrictive definition of entertainment and recreational activities in tasting rooms.

In addition to being of fan of AK craft beers, I am also in support of Alaska small businesses. I am concerned that these unnecessary and unintended restrictions would be detrimental to current craft breweries in Alaska and would seriously hinder the growth of this industry, one of the only highlights in our current economic downturn.

Although I don't support our breweries solely because of activities such as yoga and painting parties, I realize that these practices have been accepted over the years and are important parts of the tasting rooms' goals to be active participants in their communities.

I understand that certain compromises have been made when allowing tasting rooms, but it is counterproductive to limit a growing industry, that also supports tourism, during this economic downturn. I, as a craft beer enthusiast, choose to support breweries and their tasting rooms because that is what I enjoy. For me, it is not a zero-sum game; I also visit bars, taverns and restaurants and don't feel I am making a choice between one or the other.

As I'm sure you are aware, the craft brewing industry in Alaska is directly responsible for 1,400 jobs, \$340 million in income, \$27 million in taxes and fees, and \$84 million in-state expenditures. During the current economic downturn, this industry continues to be a bright spot in the economy and according to a new economic trends report from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, it remains "unscathed by state recession." To stifle a successful and growing industry during an economic downturn is counterproductive and ultimately harmful to more than just the craft brewing industry that I support.

Please consider adopting a less restrictive definition of entertainment and recreation so that the industry I support may continue to grow and provide a community focused venue for me to enjoy my craft beers when I am not visiting our other great hospitality venues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michelle Duncan  
Juneau

**From:** [shelliew@gci.net](mailto:shelliew@gci.net)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 3 AAC 304.390  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 12:14:55 PM

---

Dear Ms. Erika McConnell and AMCO board,

I am writing in support of and on behalf of my Alaskan breweries and wineries. I was made aware of an upcoming regulation adoption proposing to alter the language of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's statutes for further regulation and definition of "other recreational and gaming opportunities."

I do not want to see further regulations like this because it has a negative and direct impact on my Alaskan community. I have always been a WHY person. I am currently asking, 'why eliminate the possibility of a local brewer to host a tour'? 'Why deny the winery the opportunities to host fundraisers that help multiple organizations'? 'Why impede upon the rights of brewers, wineries, and distilleries from opening their doors to "other" social gatherings for the public'? According to documents supplied by Jed Smith, the reason is: 'development of program standards.' I'm left scratching my head... Perhaps it is THIS language that should be more clearly defined. **Whose** standards?

Additionally, Mr. Smith's documentation cites there would be no costs associated with this change. I disagree. The ability to preserve beneficial freedoms is priceless.

I would surely appreciate if my voice can be heard and considered when the standards are being defined and developed. I urge you **not** to take action on 3 AAC 304.390 which would narrow the Alaskan craft beverage manufacturers' opportunities to educate folks via craft talk/tours, host a First Friday with local artists, or support a plethora of organizational fund raisers; just to mention a few of my favorite things to attend and support among my Alaskan community of Homer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Shellie Worsfold  
39053 N. Woodman Lane  
Homer, AK 99603

**From:** [Ken Post](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** recreational and gaming activities definition change  
**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 2019 6:59:15 PM

---

I strongly object to changing the definition of “recreational and gaming activities” as it pertains to brew pubs and distilleries.

I am a member of the Friends of the Jensen Olsen Arboretum in Juneau and recently attended a fundraiser hosted at Amalga Distillery. It was a fun gathering attended by all age groups from seniors like me, to young couples with babies in strollers. Events like these provide a valuable venue for non-profits as well as other community members.

I do not go to bars as I don’t care for the atmosphere. At Amalga Distillery and Devil’s Club you don’t have to worry about drunk, obnoxious, patrons as alcohol consumption is strictly limited. These establishments and others like them are friendly, neighborly, comfortable, places to gather that provide an alternative to those of us who do not go to bars yet appreciate a bit of high quality alcohol from time to time.

Events such as these are not in direct conflict with traditional bars because hours and alcohol consumption are limited. These places close down at 8 pm before bars begin filling up. In addition, nothing is stopping bar owners from holding community events such as the one I attended. I do not understand why bar owners are objecting as they are free to host fund raisers and other public service and arts events that benefit the community.

In closing I feel the events offered by distilleries and brew pubs provide choices and I really appreciate that. Please don’t place additional limits on the activities allowed at these places.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Anne Post

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**From:** [Alla Grikurova](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** In support of local distilleries (and breweries)  
**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 2019 7:15:35 PM

---

Please do NOT adopt the proposed regulations!

--

Alla Grikurova

**From:** [Riley Moser](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Not the right approach  
**Date:** Sunday, September 22, 2019 7:44:39 AM

---

Hello AMCO,

Your proposed regulations have crossed a line. The fact that community events at breweries and distilleries is a bad thing in your view baffles me. Have you not seen how successful these types of places have been in the Lower 48. Stop playing favorites with the bars and start accepting that the world you live in today is not the same one that you grew up in. Millennials drink less than previous generations and when they do they want quality of quantity so the bars are going to lose business with or without us.

**From:** [Julip Sea](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Julie Tomich  
**Date:** Sunday, September 22, 2019 3:59:34 PM

---

I am totally against the proposed restrictions on breweries that would further restrict activities such as fundraisers and other social gatherings at their locations. Get your self interest parties OUT OF OUR STATE LAWMaking! sincerely JT Homer aAlaska

--

**From:** [The Homzas](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Sunday, September 22, 2019 8:06:55 PM

---

Hello -

I'm writing to express my support for the breweries and against any additional burdensome regulations like no games, no First Fridays etc. I thought the restaurant owners were generally of an anti-regulation ideology; I guess that's true unless it helps them. They already have ridiculous regulations on them! Despicable and embarrassing really.

Tom Homza  
Anchorage

**From:** [The Homzas](#)  
**To:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brewery Regulations  
**Date:** Sunday, September 22, 2019 8:08:37 PM

---

I support the craft brewers of Alaska. Please do not burden them with further silly regulations.  
Julia Homza

From: [Lynagh Rainwater](#)  
To: [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
Subject: Re: Events at breweries and distilleries  
Date: Monday, September 23, 2019 10:29:20 AM  
Attachments: [image3.png](#)  
[image2.png](#)  
[image1.png](#)

I think one brewery's own Facebook page illustrates my point perfectly. The regs as written are allowing them to run a bar and restaurant, without all the laws, licenses and inspections.

10:05 AM Mon Sep 23

9%



Bleeding Heart Brewery



Home

About

Photos

Events

Videos

Reviews

Posts



Like



Comment



Share



**Bleeding Heart Brewery**



August 31 at 3:46 PM · 🌐

Skip the Fair crowds and get a beer at BHB! We Got **Birdhouse Sandwich Company** for lunch and dinner!



👍❤️😮 90

1 Comment 2 Shares



Like



Comment



Share



**Bleeding Heart Brewery**



August 31 at 12:19 AM · 🌐

What a Night!!



News Feed



Friends



Watch



Marketplace



Notifications



Menu

[Home](#)[About](#)[Photos](#)[Events](#)[Videos](#)[Reviews](#)[Posts](#)**Bleeding Heart Brewery**

Friday at 2:31 PM •

**Birdhouse Sandwich Company**

Friday at 11:47 AM •

RAINY DAY BLUES BE GONE  
W/ MAMA LU'S WHITE CHICKEN CHILI!!  
WE ARE AT Bleeding Heart Brewery TODA... [Continue Reading](#)



**Mama Lu's**  
**White Chicken Chili**  
Topped w/ Shredded Jack Cheese  
Fresh Cilantro

Served w/  
Smoked Honey Jalapeno Corn Bread  
**\$8**



24

1 Comment 1 Share







Bleeding Heart Brewery



Home

About

Photos

Events

Videos

Reviews

Posts



**Bleeding Heart Brewery**

Saturday at 8:56 PM · 🌐



**Andrea R Fullbright** checked in to **Bleeding Heart Brewery**.



Saturday at 1:41 PM · Palmer · 🌐

When your moving for the umpteenth day in a row and the new place is right across the street from a brewery.....



News Feed

Friends

Watch

Marketplace

Notifications

Menu

Sent from my iPad

> On Aug 31, 2019, at 10:24 PM, Joleigh Rainwater <joleigh.rainwater@gmail.com> wrote:

>

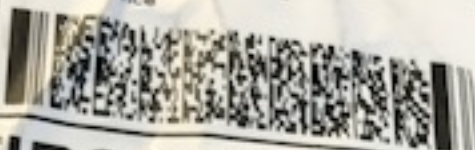
>

> I applaud the revision. It isn't fair to bars and restaurants to adhere to regulations when a brewery can host all the "events" they can handle. At the same time, they line their parking lots with food trucks and essentially turn themselves into bars and restaurants. They have to decide which end of the industry they want to be- not milk it from both ends. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



**F**

US POSTAGE & FEES PAID  
4 OZ FIRST-CLASS PARCEL RATE  
ZONE 7 NO SURCHARGE  
ComBas Price



06250009564854  
7560993  
FROM 97293

stamps  
endicia  
09/19/2019

**USPS FIRST CLASS MAIL®**

Hugh Johnson  
PO BOX 15249  
Portland OR 97293

**SHIP TO:** ERIKA MCCONNELL  
ALASKA ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD  
550 W 7TH AVE STE 1600  
ATTWOOD BLDG  
ANCHORAGE AK 99501-3567

**USPS TRACKING #**

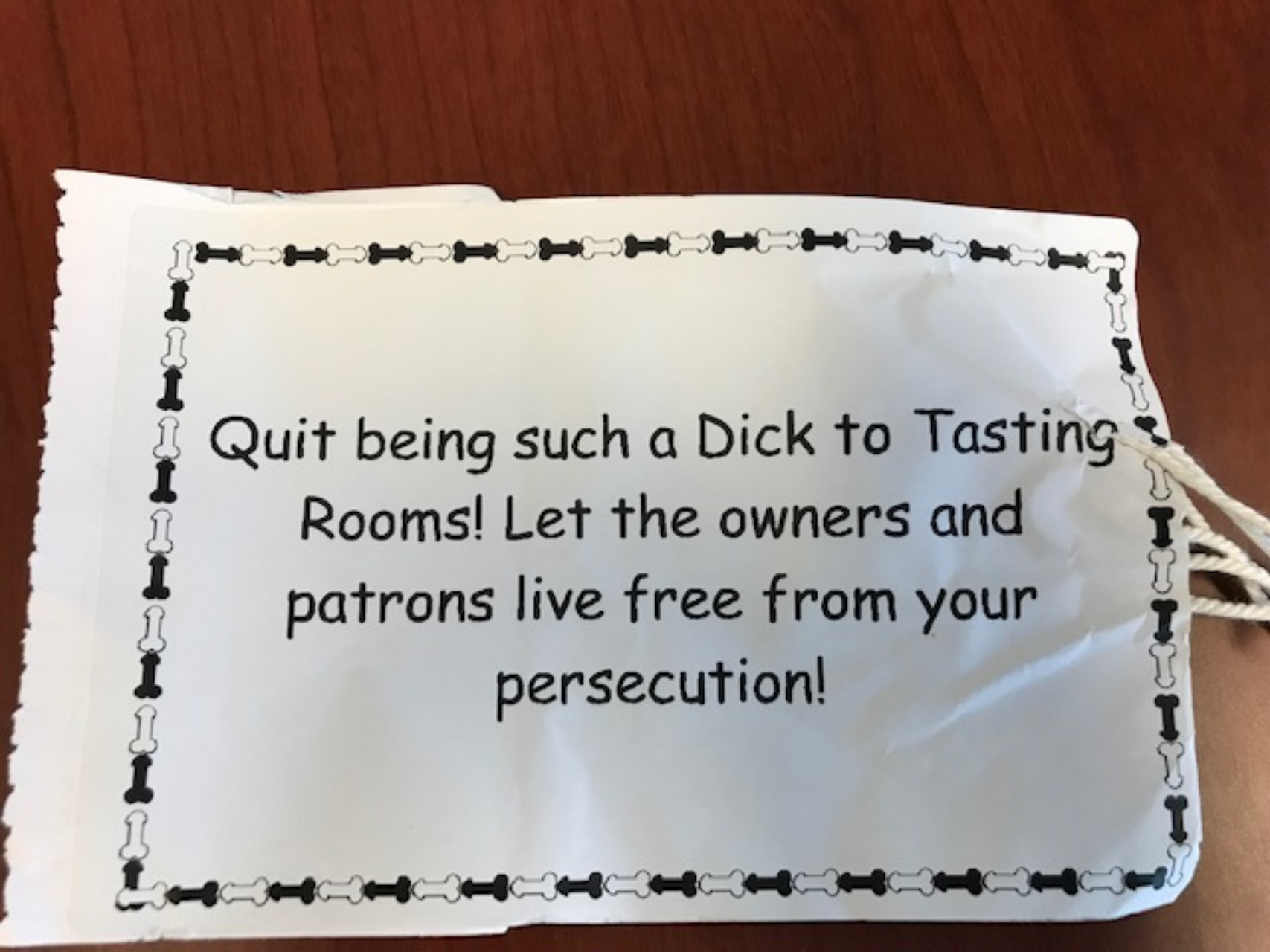


**9400 1116 9900 0472 1042 68**



BAG  
O  
DICKS

Ship A Dick



Quit being such a Dick to Tasting  
Rooms! Let the owners and  
patrons live free from your  
persecution!

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                          | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>9/21/2019 9:31:48 AM<br/> Aaron Fetter<br/> <a href="mailto:fetter@me.com">fetter@me.com</a><br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>        | <p>As an Alaskan resident and long time supporter of the brewery industry in the state, I oppose the proposed regulation changes. Having watched the industry grow over the years, as well as the growth of supporting businesses that interact with the breweries, I feel that the changes would disrupt many of the businesses that are thriving on the community aspect of the events that they are able to put on. While I can understand the concerns of the bar owners in Alaska, I also feel that this is signs of a change in the times. With a family and small business, my days of going out to bars is over, I have to leave my 20's behind. However, my love for great craft beer is still strong. The event's sponsored or hosted by breweries are family friendly, and perfectly suited for people who prefer a community minded setting and not the bar stools at their local bar.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>9/20/2019 12:16:14 PM<br/> Shellie Worsfold<br/> <a href="mailto:shelliew@gci.net">shelliew@gci.net</a><br/> Homer, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>Dear Ms. Erika McConnell and AMCO board, I am writing in support of and on behalf of my Alaskan breweries and wineries. I was made aware of an upcoming regulation adoption proposing to alter the language of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's statutes for further regulation and definition of "other recreational and gaming opportunities."</p> <p>I do not want to see further regulations like this because it has a negative and direct impact on my Alaskan community. I have always been a WHY person. I am currently asking, 'why eliminate the possibility of a local brewer to host a tour'? 'Why deny the winery the opportunities to host fundraisers that help multiple organizations'? 'Why impede upon the rights of brewers, wineries, and distilleries from opening their doors to "other" social gatherings for the public'? According to documents supplied by Jed Smith, the reason is: 'development of program standards.' I'm left scratching my head... Perhaps it is THIS language that should be more clearly defined. Whose standards?</p> <p>Additionally, Mr. Smith's documentation cites there would be no costs associated with this</p> |



| Submitted By                                                                                                                                        | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                     | <p>change. I disagree. The ability to preserve beneficial freedoms is priceless.</p> <p>I would surely appreciate if my voice can be heard and considered when the standards are being defined and developed. I urge you not to take action on 3 AAC 304.390 which would narrow the Alaskan craft beverage manufacturers' opportunities to educate folks via craft talk/tours, host a First Friday with local artists, or support a plethora of organizational fund raisers; just to mention a few of my favorite things to attend and support among my Alaskan community of Homer.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/> Shellie Worsfold<br/> 39053 N. Woodman Lane<br/> Homer, AK 99603</p> |
| <p>9/20/2019 5:21:57 AM<br/> Kim Garnero<br/> <a href="mailto:kimdan@gci.net">kimdan@gci.net</a><br/> Juneau, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>        | <p>I am the treasurer for the non-profit Friends of Jensen-Olson Arboretum. Amagla Distillery recently allowed us to hold a fundraiser at their Juneau facility. It was a vibrant event with attendees ranging in age from 20-something to 90-something.</p> <p>Events like this build community and raise funds for important causes, which is becoming more critical with our current economic situation.</p> <p>The opening of Amalga Distillery started a revitalization of Juneau's downtown. Please don't pass regulations that prohibit fundraising activities at a location willing to make them happen.</p>                                                                              |
| <p>9/17/2019 8:12:31 PM<br/> Tracy Brand<br/> <a href="mailto:tracybrand@me.com">tracybrand@me.com</a><br/> Seattle, WA, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>I strongly oppose the absurd proposed regulations governing brewery (and winery and distillery) tasting rooms that Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) Director Erika McConnell has submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. These proposed regulations increase the existing list of tasting room prohibitions by expanding the definition of "other recreational or gaming activities" to include, among other items, "festivals, classes, presentations, and other types of organized social gatherings that are advertised to the general public." These proposed regulations exceed the director's authority and the mission</p>                                        |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                                   | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>9/16/2019 8:27:05 AM<br/> JAMES M. ROMBERG<br/> <a href="mailto:jimromberg@jimromberg.com">jimromberg@jimromberg.com</a><br/> Port Townsend, WA, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>of AMCO.</p> <p>The proposed regulations will adversely affect the Juneau community in many ways and the regulation is totally unnecessary. Businesses that host gatherings are required to have security and age checks in place already so another level of regulation is not needed for public safety. In addition the gatherings which are the subject of the regulation are an important financial resource for local businesses and are important elements in building strong community/business relations and support. Many of those you are proposing to regulate have worked very hard to establish local businesses that support local communities state wide. The proposed regulations would substantially reduce local income and support. These regulations will harm the future of Alaska !!!!</p> |
| <p>9/13/2019 5:22:43 PM<br/> Lynne Schmitz<br/> <a href="mailto:lynne.schm@gmail.com">lynne.schm@gmail.com</a><br/> Soldotna, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                   | <p>I was recently at a local brew pub in Soldotna. I learned of further possible restrictions on recreation and gaming opportunities dealing with alcohol and breweries.</p> <p>I would like to see taprooms and brew pubs allowed to have live music, art activities, games and other entertainment. I do not feel that bars and restaurants should be allowed but not taprooms or brew pubs. I do not enjoy going to bars but would a local manufacturer such as a brew pub.</p> <p>I also believe that a local brewery should be allowed to sponsor events such as local walkathons and festivals. They can represent local manufacturing businesses .</p> <p>Please give local brew pubs more rights.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>                                                                                     |
| <p>9/12/2019 6:55:23 AM<br/> Alejandro Botelho<br/> <a href="mailto:iambotelho@gmail.com">iambotelho@gmail.com</a><br/> Bozeman, MT, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                | <p>The proposed changes to restrict craft breweries and distilleries from hosting community events is an act of oppression.</p> <p>This proposed change limits our rights to organize, in that it limits the number of places that groups can safely congregate. It also limits the ways in which private business can positively support and promote the unity of our communities. To enact these changes, limits businesses ability to be community leaders, infringes on our sense of community, and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                              | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>threatens to destabilize the relationship between the community and it's government when it seems to be protecting the interests of a minority bar owners who are seeing competition and are threatened by it, rather than create more opportunities for our communities and business to thrive together.</p> <p>For that reason I strongly recommend that such changes NOT Be made in the regulations.</p> <p>Alejandro</p>                                                                                                  |
| <p>9/11/2019 4:57:44 PM<br/> Vicki Campbell<br/> <a href="mailto:flippyvicki@yahoo.com">flippyvicki@yahoo.com</a><br/> Juneau, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>             | <p>Please do not further limit the rights of breweries and distilleries to hold various types of events. They are such a welcome addition to Juneau and we need as many venues as possible for multiple events including fund-raisers.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>9/11/2019 11:16:06 AM<br/> Robert Welton<br/> <a href="mailto:robbrose@gci.net">robbrose@gci.net</a><br/> Juneau, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                       | <p>The proposed limitations for distilleries and breweries is the worst kind of crony capitalism and bribery. Existing bars are trying to stifle competition and keep entertainment dollars to themselves.</p> <p>The proposed regulations run counter to the free market ideals our country was founded upon. They stifle innovation. They represent an un-compensated taking of rights from the public, who might want these options.</p> <p>Please rescind these corrupt regulations. Thanks</p>                              |
| <p>9/11/2019 10:02:07 AM<br/> Susan K Wylie<br/> <a href="mailto:creativewellbeing@yahoo.com">creativewellbeing@yahoo.com</a><br/> Juneau, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>Please do not enact these restrictive regulations.</p> <p>The contribution that the breweries and distilleries are making to communities is a wonderful example of responsible serving of alcohol and using a place of business to benefit others in the community. Comparing them to bars is like comparing apples to oranges. They are a new and promising business model that needs to be supported. The young business people coming up in the community are a breath of fresh air. Thank you for your consideration.</p> |
| <p>9/9/2019 5:17:19 PM<br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                                                                                                     | <p>The proposed addition of 3 AAC 304.390 is absolutely ridiculous and without a basis in improving public safety. Please focus on things that may actually improve public safety and stop allowing bar owners and liquor distributors to influence regulations that further restrict breweries. Please let the public choose what businesses we support. Breweries are already unfairly restricted.</p>                                                                                                                         |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                             | Perhaps The Board should instead consider regulations forcing bar owners to enforce a three-drink maximum in order to improve public safety.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>9/9/2019 10:08:18 AM<br/>Anchorage, AK, US<br/>Anonymous User</p>                                                                        | <p>How is it Alaska now thinks they can make an UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAW? It is our first amendment right to be able to listen to people speak and to speak our minds. This is outrageous and Alaska is going to find themselves in a lawsuit, costing money over nothing. Remove the line if you do not know how to interpret it. Come on now!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>9/6/2019 2:15:46 AM<br/>Joe Prax<br/><a href="mailto:jprax@alaska.net">jprax@alaska.net</a><br/>Anchorage, AK, US<br/>Anonymous User</p> | <p>Hello<br/>Although I am a non drinker I would like to see the State of Alaska avoid further restrictions on these businesses. We need MORE places where people can gather and enjoy each other's company and discover that we actually agree on far more than we think. These businesses will do a far better job of overseeing drinking and preventing abuse than someone who just gets a case of beer to drink at home or goes to the drink-till-you -fall-off-the-stool bar. Heck even look at American History. The ideas and organization of the American Revolution were largely centered at the town or neighborhood tavern. Alaska has a poor record of trying to cure alcohol problems through regulation. More laws are producing worse results. It is time to first stop digging the hole we are in and try something else. As an aside while I am a BIG supporter of the governor I am dismayed at the names and intent of people who have been put forth to over see these boards. I'm not into pot either but prohibition isn't working any better on drugs. Let's treat people like adults and see what happens. Finally I fear this is driven by the present players in the liquor industry who are getting rich of inane laws that protect their businesses by insulating them from competition. Remove the laws and let the market work. What other business can you not do any maintenance to your building, let it look like a dump on the inside and survive? Would any other business make it this way? Of course not but bars frequently do because they have rules that protect them from competitors who want to</p> |



| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                          | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>provide a better product in a nicer atmosphere. It would be shameful to keep protecting them. I hope these proposals are rejected.</p> <p>Best regards<br/>Joe Prax<br/>Valdez</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>9/5/2019 6:27:49 PM<br/>April Pintor<br/><a href="mailto:APainter.artsofall@gmail.com">APainter.artsofall@gmail.com</a><br/>Seattle, WA, US<br/>Anonymous User</p> | <p>Greetings,</p> <p>The changes proposed by ABC serve only to hinder and harm economic progress, tourism and punish small business, small artists such as myself, and Alaskans as a whole. The change is unnecessary and serves the interests of the few over the many.</p> <p>The brewery's and their current state offer a unique opportunity, they fill a niche and offer opportunities unavailable elsewhere. Why is their a pressing need to stifle what is fundamentally a great thing for so many stakeholders.</p> <p>I urge the board to consider their position, and not adopt regulations that serve special interest. Consider serving the public, small business development as a collective, tourism, artists and industry as whole, by allowing the breweries to continue operating as they have been.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>April Pintor</p> |
| <p>9/5/2019 6:18:38 AM<br/>Kelly Ireland<br/><a href="mailto:kellysue94@gmail.com">kellysue94@gmail.com</a><br/>Los Angeles, CA, US<br/>Anonymous User</p>            | <p>Why isn't there a link to the proposed changes on the notice? Seems a bit stupid.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>9/4/2019 6:01:41 AM<br/>Brian Murphy<br/><a href="mailto:brianakmurphy@outlook.com">brianakmurphy@outlook.com</a><br/>Burbank, CA, US<br/>Anonymous User</p>       | <p>The New 3 AAC 304.390 appears to be putting severe restrictions on breweris and distilleries that were not there before this change. Unless there is a specific reason, I do not believe that it is reasonable to hamstring these businesses from participating / hosting events that these new restrictions would place on them. Many of the events held are fundraisers and charity events that support our communities.</p> <p>Please do not stop the Breweries and Distilleries desire to support the communities that they reside in.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>9/3/2019 7:33:01 PM<br/>Jacque Hill<br/><a href="mailto:scoutlake1@gmail.com">scoutlake1@gmail.com</a></p>                                                         | <p>So I was born and raised with the knowledge of, "If it isn't broke, don't fix it," Please don't change and mess with these hard working,</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                        | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Atlanta, GA, US<br/>Anonymous User</p>                                                                                                                           | <p>dedicated local brewers who do nothing but follow your strict laws and fight to do nothing but GOOD for our very special community. Our community LOVES our Kenai River Brewing Company in Soldotna and all the wonderful activities they coordinate to continually support those in need. If you would just take the time to see all the wonderful awards they have received every since the day they opened. They are truly loved, appreciated and respected in more ways than I can ever say. PLEASE..... think about what you're doing. This is a huge mistake on your part!!!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>9/2/2019 12:04:21 PM<br/>Karen Heath<br/><a href="mailto:Karenlynnheath@gmail.com">Karenlynnheath@gmail.com</a><br/>Anchorage, AK, US<br/>Anonymous User</p>     | <p>Comment on proposed definitions of recreational or gaming opportunities at breweries, wineries and distilleries.<br/>I oppose the proposed further restrictions on recreational and gaming opportunities at breweries, wineries, and distilleries—live entertainment should not include art shows and other creative activities.<br/>I do support the 8pm closing and the limit on the number of ounces.<br/>As to the concern that the breweries, wineries, and distilleries are stealing bar patrons—in my opinion this is not true. The clientele at bars vs. breweries, wineries, and distilleries is very different. I go to a brewery to taste new products and to enjoy time with friends.<br/>Midnight Sun Brewing did not steal me as a customer from the bars—I never was the “bars” customer in the first place—and if all the breweries went away because of stricter regulations, I would be lost as a customer completely. It seems as though in our struggling economy we need to make sure that over regulation (or in this case—stricter interpretation of the regulations) of burgeoning businesses should not occur.</p> |
| <p>9/2/2019 12:04:13 PM<br/>Paul Morrison<br/><a href="mailto:paulcmorrison@outlook.com">paulcmorrison@outlook.com</a><br/>Anchorage, AK, US<br/>Anonymous User</p> | <p>I do not support the proposed changes to the breweries, distilleries and wineries regulations. I am a patron of several of the breweries around Anchorage. I enjoy the atmosphere and vibe these establishments provide. Being in my mid 50's, I've never been a regular patron to a bar establishment.<br/>The atmosphere I appreciate is the limited hours</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>and limited quantity of consumption by patrons. It is nice to try out new beers, get tours to see how the stuff is made, look at the new artwork, enjoy a meal, and meet up with friends. I believe the proposed regulation if enacted would change my patronage. It's not like I would go to a bar, I just wouldn't spend my money on the beer and wine industry. I recognize that it may be outside of the Boards jurisdiction, but I support the breweries, distilleries and wineries being regulated more like a coffee shop. I would like to have live entertainment and non-monetary gaming. I think our community needs to provide greater support and venues for the arts to keep Alaska a growing and vibrant place to live.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>9/2/2019 9:00:06 AM<br/>           Brian O'Sullivan<br/> <a href="mailto:brian.osullivan1991@gmail.com">brian.osullivan1991@gmail.com</a><br/>           Philadelphia, PA, US<br/>           Anonymous User</p> | <p>Dear AMCO<br/>           Lifelong Alaskan here. Extremely confused about this new AMCO ruling about craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries being barred from hosting gatherings.<br/>           Seriously what is the problem?<br/>           Can you please justify why banning gatherings in these places is a good idea or fair?<br/>           Can you please justify how an artist showcasing their work on First Friday at a brewery hurts anyone in any way?<br/>           Or can you please justify how a local nonprofit hosting an event in a distillery is bad for the community or unfair to anyone?<br/>           If not, please cease this erroneous proposed change to the definition of "Other gaming/recreational opportunities"<br/>           The above mentioned activities aren't gaming or recreation, if anything they philanthropy from these businesses giving back to their communities.<br/>           Philanthropy that you want to stop for reasons that are, at the present moment, unjustifiable.<br/>           Being able to go out in the afternoon to a discussion at a distillery about salmon habitat or to a winery to see a friend display their art is a GOOD thing. It also is far from a bar activity like trivia or darts. They aren't related in anyway and attending the above mentioned examples of events doesn't take away businesses from bars.</p> |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                        | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>What you're proposing government overreach, which is something Alaskans are NOT into, if you haven't noticed.</p> <p>Please stop harassing these businesses and back to your actual job.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing back from you.</p> <p>Brian</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>8/31/2019 6:31:12 PM</p> <p>Wasilla, AK, US</p> <p>Anonymous User</p>                                                                                            | <p>You allow the Alaska state fair a liquor license and in two days during the fair over 22 DUI this is irresponsible but the craft beer industry that limits the beer that can be drank on-site is getting more restrictive .</p> <p>This regulation and bill was as I understand it sponsored by a legislator that owns a Bar in Kodiak this is truly a conflict of interest to have a competing business owner write legislation to injure a competitor .</p> <p>The craft brewery's are here to stay and do tons of good things for the local economy by employing workers and donating space for events for nonprofit organizations</p> <p>Rather than placing more restrictions perhaps as a whole you should work towards passing a sustainable budget and do it in the 90 days</p> |
| <p>8/31/2019 3:57:50 PM</p> <p>Morgan</p> <p><a href="mailto:weimermorgan@gmail.com">weimermorgan@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Soldotna, AK, US</p> <p>Anonymous User</p>   | <p>This is a garbage proposal.</p> <p>Taprooms have become a strong center of community for many locals; restricting events in this manner does favors for no one.</p> <p>These changes negatively impact the business owners and employees that work at these businesses, who rely on events to draw customers to their spaces.</p> <p>Garbage.</p> <p>Utter garbage.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>8/31/2019 3:33:29 PM</p> <p>Ella Evans</p> <p><a href="mailto:ebriah.evans@gmail.com">ebriah.evans@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Renton, WA, US</p> <p>Anonymous User</p> | <p>This legislation is draconian and deeply problematic to local business. In the fact if budgetary cuts and the waning energy industry, Alaskans need to be encouraged into business ventures that promote and support tourism and create jobs. Local brewmasters are doing just that. Craft brewing is a long time cornerstone to Alaskan culture, far longer than it's been a trend in the mainstream. Legislation to stifle that is anti-business and anti-Alaskan.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>8/31/2019 12:11:36 PM</p> <p>Becky Faunce</p> <p><a href="mailto:beckyfaunce907@gmail.com">beckyfaunce907@gmail.com</a></p>                                      | <p>If the article in Alaska Public Media is correct, this proposal will limit craft breweries ability to be cordial, welcoming places. I take all my</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                         | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Anchorage, AK, US<br/>Anonymous User</p>                                                                                                          | <p>visitors to Anchorage 's great collection of craft breweries and would hate them to become the typical dark, TV-dominated setting of bars. Please don't disrupt the artistic, welcoming ambience of a brewery where craft brews can be consumed on site or First Friday-type events can occur. This is an unnecessary restriction.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>8/31/2019 8:07:17 AM<br/>Marvin Ebnet<br/><a href="mailto:mae1@acsalaska.net">mae1@acsalaska.net</a><br/>Anchorage, AK, US<br/>Anonymous User</p> | <p>I am not a big beer drinker and I NEVER go to a bar. I do enjoy going to brew pubs and tap rooms to have a beer and some food. The people I know that frequent these establishment are of the same. I really think the board and our politicians are in the pocket of CHARR period. They want the restrictions but the funny thing is the people that frequent the brew pubs and taprooms don't frequent bars. The state of Alaska should be supporting these small business as they are responsible, socially conscious and serve a group of our society that are socially responsible. The proposal to cut the amount of beer you could consume on site from 36 ounce to 24 ounces was STUPID. Now the proposal to cut the ability to promote and hold various types of events is equally STUPID. You folks need to stop it and start helping the responsible groups grow there businesses. The problems we have with alcohol abuse is NOT these establishments. I have never seem a homeless drunk frequent one of these establishments, I have never saw anyone in these establishments inebriated Please stop this nonsense.</p> |
| <p>8/30/2019 9:26:53 PM<br/>Rebecca Brooks<br/><a href="mailto:brookses@mac.com">brookses@mac.com</a><br/>Eagle River, AK, US<br/>Anonymous User</p> | <p>I am writing to strongly urge the Board to oppose the proposed changes effecting breweries and distilleries. In our small town of Eagle River, Odd Man Rush Brewing is a vital member of the community. They operate with integrity, supporting other small businesses, organizations, and individuals. We love having them as a part of what makes Eagle River a great place to live, from seeing their fun rivalry with Trustworthy Hardware, to following their frequent social media posts, cheering on their fantastic entry in the Bear Paw Parade, and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                    | counting ourselves lucky to have one of the owners teach at one of our elementary schools. To see this change be adopted and limit all the amazing things they can do would be devastating.<br>Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8/30/2019 6:54:46 PM<br>John Trampush<br><a href="mailto:johntrampush@gmail.com">johntrampush@gmail.com</a><br>Anchorage, AK, US<br>Anonymous User | I am against this proposal. It is not your job to pick winners and losers in the free market system. Creating a framework of interpretation DESIGNED to make a business LESS engaging to the public so that OTHER businesses might generate more money is not your place. Please do not follow through with this example of crony capitalism that clips the wings of creative entrepreneurs in our state!<br>Thank you. |
| 8/30/2019 6:50:31 PM<br>Michael W. Combs<br><a href="mailto:amrcombs@gmail.com">amrcombs@gmail.com</a><br>Washington, DC, US<br>Anonymous User     | No new regulations! This is not supported, needed or wanted!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8/30/2019 4:27:01 PM<br>Jim Galea<br><a href="mailto:jgalea@gci.net">jgalea@gci.net</a><br>Seattle, WA, US<br>Anonymous User                       | I do not support or agree with the proposed changes to 3AAC304.390 as it relates to the restrictive definition for what constitutes entertainment. I am a regular customer of a brew pub in Soldotna and value the various community based events that occur at this brewpub. The proposed regulation changes would severely limit or eliminate their ability to have these events.                                     |
| 8/30/2019 2:06:36 PM<br>Ester, AK, US<br>Anonymous User                                                                                            | Give me 3 reasons why you think this is a good idea and the community could give 10,000 reasons why it is the absolute most terrible, brain numbingly stupid idea to ever be conceived.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8/30/2019 2:05:15 PM<br>Ester, AK, US<br>Anonymous User                                                                                            | This does not benefit the community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8/30/2019 2:05:13 PM<br>Ester, AK, US<br>Anonymous User                                                                                            | This does not benefit the community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8/30/2019 2:04:53 PM<br>Ester, AK, US<br>Anonymous User                                                                                            | DO NOT AGREE. This is political in nature and serves no benefit to the community. This would only benefit bar owners. Perhaps bar owners should work on improving their business rather than trying to create stupid regulations that would limit their competition.                                                                                                                                                    |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                       | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                    | What happened to a free, healthy economy? Oh wait... we're in Alaska.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>8/30/2019 2:03:14 PM<br/> Ester, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                                                                                                 | <p>New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is supposed to be all about. Government has no place in trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences offer a better model. It's no wonder so many long time Alaskans &amp; local business owners are leaving the state in favor of more opportunities and better livelihood elsewhere.</p> <p>Additionally, in other areas(i.e Denver) where there are less pointless regulations surrounding breweries/distilleries; the ONLY law they must follow is that they may not serve any other type of alcohol. That means those establishments can run just like a bar(open when they want, serve food, events, paint nights, etc.). Allowing a similar structure in Alaska would save our state money from fighting this sector. It would MAKE our state money since breweries pay \$1.07/gallon in excise tax and distilleries pay \$12.80/gallon in excise tax. Imagine how the state deficit could be helped by simply allowing local businesses to serve their communities more.</p> <p>Get with the times and support local businesses that care more about our communities than those who create these overbearing rules and regulations. It's clear that the board is comprised of primarily bar owners etc. who feel threatened by the up and coming breweries/distilleries that the public prefers. Perhaps they should update their business models rather than trying to create legal red tape to obstruct their competition and community. You are only hindering Alaska's opportunities for growth.</p> |
| <p>8/30/2019 2:02:54 PM<br/> McKenzie<br/> <a href="mailto:mckenziesolberg27@gmail.com">mckenziesolberg27@gmail.com</a><br/> Ester, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I find it disheartening that a proposed regulation to prevent all social activities at breweries and distilleries is even being considered by the board. There is a very strong public desire to congregate and socialize at these spaces.</p> <p>If bar owners or distributors think that these activities are causing them to lose business,</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



| Submitted By                                                                                                                                              | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                           | <p>perhaps instead of looking to lobbying the government to pick them up as economic winners and their competitors losers, they should try to make themselves more attractive places that people actually want to patronize. New business models are always pushing out and taking space from old models. Competition is what a free economy is supposed to be all about. Government has no place in trying to protect old or outdated businesses from newer businesses which, very clearly based on natural consumer demand/preferences offer a better model. It's no wonder so many long time Alaskans &amp; local business owners are leaving the state in favor of more opportunities and better livelihood elsewhere.</p> <p>Additionally, in other areas(i.e Denver) where there are less pointless regulations surrounding breweries/distilleries; the ONLY law they must follow is that they may not serve any other type of alcohol. That means those establishments can run just like a bar(open when they want, serve food, events, paint nights, etc.). Allowing a similar structure in Alaska would save our state money from fighting this sector. It would MAKE our state money since breweries pay \$1.07/gallon in excise tax and distilleries pay \$12.80/gallon in excise tax. Imagine how the state deficit could be helped by simply allowing local businesses to serve their communities more.</p> <p>Get with the times and support local businesses that care more about our communities than those who create these overbearing rules and regulations. It's clear that the board is comprised of primarily bar owners etc. who feel threatened by the up and coming breweries/distilleries that the public prefers. Perhaps they should update their business models rather than trying to create legal red tape to obstruct their competition and community. You are only hindering Alaska's opportunities for growth.</p> |
| <p>8/30/2019 9:21:29 AM<br/>Jonathan Lang<br/><a href="mailto:beardedjon@gmail.com">beardedjon@gmail.com</a><br/>Anchorage, AK, US<br/>Anonymous User</p> | <p>Can you provided a link to the proposed regulations?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                                | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>8/30/2019 9:05:14 AM<br/> Chelsea Cassell<br/> <a href="mailto:chelsear.cassell@gmail.com">chelsear.cassell@gmail.com</a><br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>I urge officials not to approve this regulation as written. The proposed legislation hurts the community and culture. We need local businesses that will host fundraisers, showcase local artists, places we can celebrate together. The proposal would eliminate many of these opportunities for events. Please do not pass this.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>8/30/2019 8:54:01 AM<br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                                                                                                      | <p>This law is already too restrictive. This is just a power play by people that believe that breweries and distilleries are stealing their customer base. Here is a clue... people that go to breweries weren't going to those bars in the first place.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>8/30/2019 5:44:36 AM<br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                                                                                                      | <p>This law is already too restrictive. This is just a power play by people that believe that breweries and distilleries are stealing their customer base. Here is a clue... people that go to breweries weren't going to those bars in the first place.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>8/29/2019 11:33:11 PM<br/> todd erickson<br/> <a href="mailto:toddo.erickson@gmail.com">toddo.erickson@gmail.com</a><br/> Seattle, WA, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>        | <p>Enough already with the regulation of breweries.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>8/29/2019 10:14:30 PM<br/> Dru Sorenson<br/> <a href="mailto:goldy@sourdoughdru.com">goldy@sourdoughdru.com</a><br/> Fairbanks, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>           | <p>I am shocked and dismayed that further restrictions are proposed for custom local breweries.</p> <p>I was aghast the last time a measure was passed to restrict times and entertainment at local breweries and tasters. This is one time I say "lets do it like they do most places outside. " Let folks have some fun! And these small local breweries a buck for their hard work!!!! How very against small business this proposal is!!!</p> <p>The name is even intimidating: Notice of proposed changes of definitions of recreational or gaming regulations of the alcoholic Revenue Control Board.!!! Who thinks these proposals up?</p> <p>Recreation and gaming is Fun!!!! Drinking beer with recreation and games is indeed what it is about. Egad what nonsense.</p> <p>This must be a move promoted by the liquor establishments (ie...places that serve hard liquor and restaurants/ bars ect..) Is it job security for the Alcohol Control Board? Because this is certainly not a request from the general public I assure you. The board by promoting this is promoting their own job " insecurity".</p> |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                              | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                           | Respectfully (but shocked) Sourdough Dru<br>Main Street Hope Alaska                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>8/29/2019 9:13:03 PM<br/> Wilton Chad Gleaton<br/> <a href="mailto:wilton.gleaton@yahoo.com">wilton.gleaton@yahoo.com</a><br/> Seattle, WA, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>This comment is regarding the proposed action 3 AAC 304.390. I do not agree with limiting the activities of breweries. Breweries are more than just beer. They serve as community hubs, gathering places, and sources of local identity and pride. In addition, they also serve as facilitators of economic development and even catalysts for cities and towns. I implore you to conduct a quantitative study around the economic development of breweries in relation to urban and rural areas. These breweries must provide an entertainment value to its customers. In 2017, my wife and I recently moved from Wilmington, NC to Anchorage, AK. Wilmington was full of family friendly microbreweries. These microbreweries often hosted classes on home brewing, various games and activities for children, live music, and even served as a stop for several the tourist trains. The microbreweries were an upscaled family venue, and a frequent stop for young and old locals. There is little question that Alaska has a problem with alcoholism; however, those visiting breweries are not the cliental with this issue. Alaska should work on developing a relationship with microbreweries and encouraging their growth. Throughout the lower 48, breweries and taprooms have become a community hub and a catalyst for keeping businesses open and providing another means to economic growth.</p> <p>Thank you,<br/> W. Chad Gleaton, Ph.D.</p> |
| <p>8/29/2019 8:47:47 PM<br/> karen larsen<br/> <a href="mailto:karen@cspaceak.com">karen@cspaceak.com</a><br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                  | <p>I thought our state wants local industries here? Supporting Alaska made things. Why are squeezing out breweries and distilleries for CHARR. Breweries and distilleries offer an environment that celebrates local. The create unique environments that people love. The make something here. Stop listening to CHARR. Start talking the communities that breweries and distilleries build.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>8/29/2019 6:25:32 PM<br/> Shauna Boquist</p>                                                                                                                           | <p>Please do not restrict events at our local breweries, wineries, and distilleries. The people</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                     | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="mailto:shaunaboquist@hotmail.com">shaunaboquist@hotmail.com</a><br>Seattle, WA, US<br>Anonymous User                                    | deserve a place to gather and celebrate as a community. These small places are nice and welcoming and they are perfect for other small vendors to showcase their talents. Alaska is a place people come to to grow, explore, learn, and gather. Do not stop our state's progress!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8/29/2019 6:19:55 PM<br>Jessica Davis<br>Chicago, IL, US<br>Anonymous User                                                                       | Please do not pass this regulation. This would not assist in the industry. There has already been a huge impact on the economy with other legislation. By adding this it would limit the breweries and distilleries ability to connect with the age appropriate customers. Many activities actually support to local community and increase commerce.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8/29/2019 5:39:06 PM<br>Kim Parsley<br><a href="mailto:Parsley_kim@hotmail.com">Parsley_kim@hotmail.com</a><br>Seattle, WA, US<br>Anonymous User | I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS PROPOSED RULE CHANGE! THIS IS JUST ANOTHER STUPID IDEA SET FORTH BY THE BAR LOBBY TO SABATOGUE SUCCESSFUL LOCAL BREWERIES. NO PUBLIC TOURS?? REALLY?? NO OTHER STATE FORBIDS BREWERIES FROM GIVING TOURS AND HOLDING EVENTS AT THEIR FACILITIES. THE ALASKAN PEOPLE DONT WANT THIS. INSTEAD OF TRYING TO LIMIT THE COMPETITION, MAYBE THE BARS SHOULD TRY HARDER TO HAVE HIGHER STANDARDS AND MAKE THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS LESS SHITTY! THEIR JUST JEALOUS THAT NO ONE WANTS TO HANG OUT IN A SHIT HOLE WITH BAD SERVICE AND SHADY PEOPLE WHILE BEING OVER-SERVED A BUNCH OF OVER PRICE AWFUL DRINKS. BREWERIES GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT, BARS DO NOT. ENOUGH SAID. |
| 8/29/2019 5:06:09 PM<br>anna nelson<br><a href="mailto:akbelladonna@gmail.com">akbelladonna@gmail.com</a><br>Anchorage, AK, US<br>Anonymous User | i do not agree with these proposed changes. i have been to tasting rooms for art openings that i wouldnt have had a chance to see elsewhere. i have also been for classes that arent offered other places. its a nice change from having to go to a busy bar scene and still be able to enjoy an adult beverage responsibly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8/29/2019 4:59:32 PM<br>Fran Yates-March<br><a href="mailto:fmarch02@gmail.com">fmarch02@gmail.com</a><br>Soldotna, AK, US                       | In response to Code 69173#, regarding limiting activities at breweries and distilleries such as festivals, games and competitions, classes, parties, and other types of organized social                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                          | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Anonymous User                                                                                                                                                        | <p>gatherings.</p> <p>As long as a brewery follows the 36 ounces of beer per day ruling, I fail to see the reason in limiting the kinds of activities that happen in that kind of establishment. In fact, I see it as a failure of our state to encourage healthy business as well as healthy lifestyles. Our local brewery is a hub for healthy social gatherings. We have had quilting, painting classes, funeral repasts, and other activities people enjoy that can not easily be done in other local beer serving businesses. People meet there to enjoy no more than 36 ounces of beer and the company that others offer.</p> <p>Why would the ABC Board be concerned about the legal and healthy activities people do in a brewery if they follow the 36 ounce rule? Is it possible that you are showing bars and other drinking establishments priority over breweries and other entities that will be limited under Code 69173#? I surely hope not. We need to welcome small business owners, especially in our current economic climate.</p> |
| <p>8/29/2019 2:38:45 PM</p> <p>Brandal Goetz</p> <p><a href="mailto:Brandal88@hotmail.com">Brandal88@hotmail.com</a></p> <p>Solomon, AK, US</p> <p>Anonymous User</p> | <p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I strongly oppose the changes to 3 AAC 304.390 is a new section proposed to define "other recreational or gaming opportunities." Breweries and such, fill a void / need in the community that your typical "bar" cannot. I urge you to leave the rules / interpretation as it is. Keep allowing our local breweries, distilleries and the like to be unique places of gathering.</p> <p>Thank you</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>8/29/2019 10:53:17 AM</p> <p>Grieko tempel</p> <p><a href="mailto:tempel99801@gci.net">tempel99801@gci.net</a></p> <p>Juneau, AK, US</p> <p>Anonymous User</p>     | <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment. This particular proposed action makes no sense to me, at all. The legal alcohol drinking age limit is 21 yo ,way to high, it should be 18 yo, but that is another conversation. At age 21, a person is considered an adult, supposedly capable of making their own proper choices. This proposed action seems like another attempt at needless rules and regulations. we all know that dwi is illegal.</p> <p>I do not comprehend what this action will solve, it only adds to the difficulty in doing business.</p> <p>How fun it would be to have a fundraiser or</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                    | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>what have you not in a brewpub or distillery!<br/> I will pay close attention and will vote during elections accordingly.<br/> Thank you,<br/> Grieko Tempel</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>8/29/2019 10:17:19 AM<br/> Grace Park<br/> <a href="mailto:graceannpark@gmail.com">graceannpark@gmail.com</a><br/> Fairbanks, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>I do not support the proposal for 3 AAC 304.390 (a new section to define 'other recreational or gaming opportunities'.<br/> Liberty entails the responsible use of freedom under the rule of law without depriving anyone else of their freedom and I believe this proposal vastly negates Alaskan liberties.<br/> The regulation includes prohibiting breweries and distilleries from allowing festivals, games and competitions, classes, public parties, presentations or performances and other social gatherings advertised to the general public. The changes would include banning First Friday art galleries and fundraisers from the brewery's calendar.<br/> Currently, the community as a whole benefits from these recreational activities; from raising money for charities and by allowing a family-friendly environment for socialization (since there is a drink limit inebriation is not an issue in these establishments).</p> |
| <p>8/29/2019 10:09:58 AM<br/> Charles Ward<br/> <a href="mailto:Charlesward4@me.com">Charlesward4@me.com</a><br/> Seattle, WA, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>       | <p>I write to express my opposition to the proposed changes to 3 AAC 304.390.<br/> Tasting room licenses are already significantly restricted. They can only serve limited quantities of their own alcohol. They must close by 8 p.m. They are not allowed to have basic forms of entertainment, such as televisions or dart boards. Further restricting these licenses will not only hurt the bottom lines of these tasting rooms. This is not a good result for a state that is supposed to be “open for business,” and will have substantial financial impact on the private citizens that own these establishments. Further, the proposed restrictions will limit the ability of tasting rooms to be good corporate citizens in their communities, as many types of community events they currently host will be outlawed.<br/> Please reject these proposed regulations.</p>                                                                   |
| <p>8/29/2019 6:05:37 AM<br/> Mark morgan</p>                                                                                                                    | <p>Please leave tap rooms alone unless it's to expand what they can do. These are great small</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                          | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="mailto:Mrmark34@gmail.com">Mrmark34@gmail.com</a><br>Seattle, WA, US<br>Anonymous User                                                       | local businesses that provide a social atmosphere of a playing cornhole or any social activity bothers major bars I would be asking why                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8/28/2019 10:15:13 PM<br>Oscar Perez<br><a href="mailto:ojprez@gmail.com">ojprez@gmail.com</a><br>Wasilla, AK, US<br>Anonymous User                   | DO NOT adopt the proposed change on definition of recreational or gaming opportunities in the regulation of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board! This is a terrible infringement on Alaskans and attack on successful businesses that give back to our communities. It is an overreach we do not need while our state economy is still in recession. Do not adopt this ill considered change!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8/28/2019 8:48:24 PM<br>Anchorage, AK, US<br>Anonymous User                                                                                           | I think this is a waste of state funds to waste time on when this shouldn't be an issue with what a business does to bring more business to it place if business.<br>Thank you but don't interject how many events a business hold in a year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8/28/2019 8:29:08 PM<br>Gitte Pedersen<br><a href="mailto:agerskovgitte@gmail.com">agerskovgitte@gmail.com</a><br>Anchorage, AK, US<br>Anonymous User | Dear Sir/Madan,<br>I have to question why you wish to stigmatize a blooming industry not only providing jobs but also a gathering place for the local communities outside of the standard bar scene. The breweries are already limited in comparison to bars and restaurants which hasn't limited their popularity. Why? The breweries offer something you won't find in a bar or restaurant. This is not a competition. This is a question of having more jobs in the local communities. The breweries give so much back to the community in the form of fundraisers, support for charities, schools etc.<br>I realize that bar and restaurant owners feel threatened by the popularity of the breweries, but is the legislation going to support a status quo or innovation?<br>The Danish word HYGGE has been popular the last couple of years. It has been accredited with the reason Denmark is one of the happiest countries in the world. Having spent most of my life in Denmark I can tell you that hygge is exactly what the breweries offer. Please don't take away the jobs and positive effect the breweries provide. Their popularity clearly proves that they fill a void that the bars and restaurants never managed to fill. |

| Submitted By                                                                                                                                                   | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>8/28/2019 8:20:35 PM<br/> Tyler Watson<br/> <a href="mailto:mahan.tyler@gmail.com">mahan.tyler@gmail.com</a><br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p> | <p>I'm writing to oppose the proposed interpretation of 3 AAC 304.390. Breweries have become vital community building spaces and dynamic, growing businesses the have created jobs during a period of economic recession and weak employment growth. This interpretation would put an undue burden on brewery owners who have not taken this into account in their business planning. And it would take away opportunities for consumers to utilize these spaces in creative ways that build community and encourage entrepreneurship in our state. Alaska needs to be open for business, undue regulations that strangle entrepreneurship are not what we Alaskans want, need, or deserve. Tyler Watson</p>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>8/28/2019 7:05:06 PM<br/> Cameron Barrows<br/> <a href="mailto:Cbarrows82@me.com">Cbarrows82@me.com</a><br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>      | <p>I am trying to understand why this is necessary. All this does is make bars and hotels have a greater advantage. It should not be adopted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>8/28/2019 6:11:21 PM<br/> Solomon, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                                                                                           | <p>This is absurd. Breweries have been good for the community. They have raised money for charities, been the afternoon coffee shops to bring the community together and a good neighbor. They have a lot of money invested in equipment - more than what bars have payed in liquor licenses. You can not change the rules in the middle of the game unless the participants are in agreement. Participants meaning brewery owners that have a lot of skin in the game. They are not the same as a bar. They are only allowed to sell three beers, no more, no hard liquor. They must close at eight pm. This is going to put many breweries under. Most are just barely surviving with the rules already in place. This will be taking away what is good for the community. It is hard work to put on events- if bars or breweries are willing to do so for a good cause it should be encouraged!</p> |
| <p>8/28/2019 3:43:47 PM<br/> tara<br/> Anchorage, AK, US<br/> Anonymous User</p>                                                                               | <p>This is just tactic to hurt the breweries. The bars are losing business, and they blame it on breweries. I haven't stepped foot in a bar in years. I only go to breweries. Take all the social events away from the breweries, and I'm still going to go. In the end, this won't solve any of</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



| Submitted By                                                                                                                                    | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                 | the bars' problems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 8/28/2019 3:39:15 PM<br>Bryan Meshke<br><a href="mailto:bryanmeshke@yahoo.com">bryanmeshke@yahoo.com</a><br>Anchorage, AK, US<br>Anonymous User | No. Leave the code as-is. There is no compelling need further limit activities at breweries and distilleries. I highly suspect this proposal was brought forward by bar owners seeking to limit competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8/28/2019 3:26:23 PM<br>Anchorage, AK, US<br>Anonymous User                                                                                     | <p>This is an attack on breweries by an alcohol board with far too much interest in supporting bars and nothing else. I feel, along with many others, that the bars in Anchorage are unsafe and unwelcoming which is why breweries are preferred for meet-ups of any kind.</p> <p>If the bars are feeling threatened by the breweries, they should work to improve their own business rather than forcing unnecessary and ridiculous regulations. If anything, breweries should be getting less regulations (being allowed to serve more and stay open later) because they are better community partners and overall more pleasant environments than any bar I have been to in this state.</p>                                                                                                              |
| 8/28/2019 2:01:06 PM<br>Sam Watkins<br>Chicago, IL, US<br>Anonymous User                                                                        | <p>I am an Alaskan resident and I vehemently oppose this definition change. Craft breweries and distilleries deserve a chance to succeed, along with other bars and restaurants. I personally believe that the market separation between craft brewery and distillery goes, and bar goes, is fundamental, and that if bars can offer a meeting space with events, the same should be available to the local, much more family and community friendly, breweries and distilleries. The restrictions already in place for these local businesses are restricting enough. If there is going to be any change to these regulations, it needs to be in the other direction. The restrictions, and entire system, are outdated and need to be looked at with fresh eyes that aren't so set in the way it was.</p> |
| 8/28/2019 1:32:20 PM<br>Anchorage, AK, US<br>Anonymous User                                                                                     | <p>Please consider what you are really doing here.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Further straining the income of small local businesses (both the tasting room &amp; the other small business that tasting rooms support, like local artists &amp; crafters)</li> <li>2. Constricting small community gathering spaces that are safe &amp; friendly for families (its not fun to bring kids to a dark gross bar)</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



| Submitted By                                                                                                                                               | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                            | <p>3. Bending to wealthy bar owners with strong political ties while telling all small business that they don't matter to Alaska's economy</p> <p>4. Hurting a booming industry- tap rooms &amp; the events let the community build relationships with these local manufactures.</p> <p>The point is, Tasting rooms have had to adapt to the strict rules already set forth by the ABC board in order to be profitable. Just because bar owners look over &amp; see a tap room doing well, doesn't mean that is the bulk of their income. (there is no way a little tasting room with restricted hours &amp; serving sizes could fully support a full scale operation) If bar owners could adapt to the change in how people like to gather, this issue would resolve itself. There are no rules that say a bar cannot have a first Friday featured artist or a sip &amp; shop- Or make creative new cocktails, or feature all local beer.</p> <p>Local craft beverages are a very exciting &amp; profitable form of income for Alaska - Why hurt local economy just because bars are becoming obsolete? Force them to be inventive &amp; change with the times rather than stifle a booming industry.</p> |
| <p>8/28/2019 12:38:37 PM<br/>TJ Stubblefield<br/><a href="mailto:ganonns@gmail.com">ganonns@gmail.com</a><br/>Seattle, WA, US<br/>Anonymous User</p>       | <p>As an Alaskan, I support Alaskan's choices in how they choose to spend their time and money. Regulating successful businesses in order to save those who refuse to adapt to consumer desires is antithetic to supposed free-market values.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>8/28/2019 10:51:31 AM<br/>Mitchell Hansen<br/><a href="mailto:mthinak@hotmail.com">mthinak@hotmail.com</a><br/>Anchorage, AK, US<br/>Anonymous User</p> | <p>These regulation changes are only going to hinder alaskan small business and the communities that form around them. Breweries and distilleries are already regulated a huge amount with hours and serving limits. All this law will do is keep people from trying to build positive community areas around art or learning. I'm amazed that the ABC Board thinks that it needs to insert itself into Alaskan small business in the way that it is trying to do. This regulation won't help limit underage drinking, binge drinking, or any of the other problems faced by our state when it comes to alcohol. It is only in their own self interest as bar owners. Let Alaska have a free market!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |