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Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
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Re: Support for Proposed Regulatory Changes Regarding Licensed Premises

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 – supports the regulation project regarding licensed premises as written.

Emergency actions taken by the ABC Board and Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) team throughout the pandemic and in partnership with Alaska CHARR – including the extension of licensed premises into noncontiguous spaces – were instrumental in enabling businesses to survive. While the peak of the pandemic is over, hospitality businesses across Alaska still face significant, ongoing challenges. Business concepts and expansions, such as those permitted during the height of the pandemic and in this draft, will facilitate the continued recovery of Alaska's hospitality industry.

Alaska CHARR appreciates and applauds the AMCO team under Director Wilson for its continued collaboration and encourages the ABC Board to adopt the proposed regulation changes as written.

Thank you for your consideration and interest in continuing to support and responsibly regulate the industry.

Respectfully,

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President & CEO