

March 2, 2021

House Standing Committee on Licensing, Occupations, & Admin Regs Legislative Research Commission 700 Capital Ave. Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Committee Member:

The Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of Kentucky (WSWK) strongly supports SB 67 to allow restaurants to responsibly sell cocktails to-go in conjunction with a meal. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Kentucky's wine and spirits wholesalers have worked closely with restaurants to ensure the safe delivery of alcoholic beverages, develop changing menus, and continue service to their customers. Our members have also donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to charities in Kentucky to help restaurant workers and their families.

Allowing Kentuckians to temporarily purchase cocktails to-go during the pandemic has proven to be an important lifeline for Kentucky's restaurants, and we would like to see this change made permanent. We strongly support the advancement of SB 67 and cheer on our restaurant industry's continued recovery.

Please vote YES on SB 67 in committee on March 3.

Thank you,

Charles George

Executive Director