



Mayors for Liquor License Reform

We the undersigned mayors of municipalities across New Jersey agree that our State's outdated liquor license laws, which date back nearly a century to the immediate aftermath of Prohibition, are sorely in need of reform. Given the exorbitant costs for a license, coupled with the lack of availability and the existing population cap for municipalities, the present system favors the economically advantaged while hampering mom-and-pop businesses and towns with smaller populations.

These reforms are long overdue and all the more pressing in light of the devastating impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the hospitality industry in general and the distress it has caused for downtowns and Main Streets throughout New Jersey.

As such, we offer our unequivocal support for Governor Murphy's efforts to modernize our existing laws to make liquor licenses more affordable and accessible, particularly for small, local, and diverse business owners. Not only will this create greater equity across the board, it will also serve as a major catalyst to spur economic development and strengthen and revitalize downtowns throughout New Jersey.

We also agree with the need to overhaul the cumbersome restrictions that presently exist for New Jersey breweries, which place them at a competitive disadvantage with neighboring states. This is evident by the fact that New York and Pennsylvania are home to more than three times as many breweries as New Jersey and generate roughly three times the economic activity. By permanently easing many of the unnecessary restrictions that exist, we can position our breweries for success and drive visitors and tourists to our towns.

Equally important, we wholeheartedly support two other key tenets of Governor Murphy's proposal, one of which will provide relief for current plenary retail consumption license holders impacted by the expanded supply of licenses, and the other which will maintain local control over the liquor license issuing process so that communities across New Jersey have the power to control what the future of their town will look like.

Together, we pledge our support and urge swift consideration of comprehensive reform that will address the many factors currently suppressing our hospitality industry, including easing the existing population cap on licenses, increasing affordability for small business owners, and permanently easing the restrictions that have hampered our breweries from expanding and thriving economically, while maintaining local control of the process and providing crucial support for existing license holders.

Sincerely,

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