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Dear Chairman Gagliardi and Commissioners Clemente, Jacobsen, Lasher, and Olshove:

On behalf of the Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking (MCRUD) thank you for serving the citizens of Michigan.

To Chairman Gagliardi and Commissioner Lasher - I am very glad that Governor Whitmer appointed both of you to the Commission. Some of my colleagues had written the Governor asking her to appoint more pro public health Commissioners and I feel that the appointment of the two of you help to do this. I am hopeful that this Commission will have an emphasis on public health and safety.

Last fiscal year the Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking helped the State of Michigan revise their strategic plan to reduce underage drinking. I thank Barb Subastian and Chairman Gagliardi for serving on the work group that helped create the new plan. And just to clarify for the record, Chairman Gagliardi was not serving in his capacity as Chairman of the Commission.

Although the State's new strategic plan to reduce underage drinking has not been finalized and therefore not publicly available; I am anticipating that there may be pieces in the plan that MCRUD and MLCC will be able to work together on. There was a lot of discussion around strengthening the reporting that goes on between law enforcement and MLCC as well as discussion on community coalitions working with their local law enforcement on a compliance check plan for their county.

MCRUD is in support of "stakeholder" meetings to discuss current alcohol issues like "outlet density" and other topics. If these meetings are set up, MCRUD would like to be a part of them. Furthermore, we welcome any Commissioner to be a regular participant of our MCRUD meetings. Our next MCRUD meeting is Tuesday, January 28 at Prevention Network in Lansing. Chairman Gagliardi and perhaps others, will recall that previous Commissioners Ena Weathers and Judy Allen were actively involved with MCRUD and we hope to have another Commissioner be a part of us.

Lastly, a big thank you to the MLCC staff. All of the staff are consistently helpful, professional, and courteous.

Sincerely,

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