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I am writing as a follow-up to the revised May 19th proclamation regarding COVID-19 safety measures.

I am the President of the Arizona Licensed Beverage Association (ALBA), a statewide trade association of liquor licensees. I previously wrote to you indicating ALBA's support for the comments made by the Arizona Restaurant Association (ARA) on the initial proclamation regarding COVID-19 safety measures. ALBA is very pleased to see the changes made from the initial draft of those measures. However, we want to emphasize several additional comments.

First, we substantially agree again with those comments by the ARA with respect to documentation of handwashing, publication on the website, use of hand sanitizer and soap, and the posting of restaurants that are unable to comply with the measures.

The two points that we would like to specifically emphasize relate to configuration of seating and tables on one hand, and physical distancing on the other. I am sure you can envision the differences in the set-up of various bars and restaurants. We believe that it is important, in reference to item 6, that restaurants and bars be permitted to administer the physical distancing requirement in accordance with their physical layout. ALBA's membership is committed to following the safety measures.

With respect to group seating and couple seating, we think that it is unrealistic to require groups that are traveling together and arrive together to be seated distantly. This would apply to a husband and wife, a couple, a family, or a group of friends arriving together. We believe that in those circumstances the groups' members should not be required to sit 6 feet apart. A certain amount of this is self-policing, with oversight by the establishment.

The same concept also relates to item 7, with clearly marked 6 foot spacing. Because of the different configurations for restaurants, bars, cafes and wine bars, we support the addition of flexibility for different types of hospitality establishments. As ARA notes, not all establishments will need to prevent customer cues or have physically designated 6-foot markers.

We very much appreciate the modifications that have been made to date to the first draft of the safety measures. We support the ARA comments. We additionally want to emphasize that seating should be permitted for guests and couples arriving together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

David Delos,

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President

ALBA was founded in 1936, the Arizona Licensed Beverage Association (ALBA) is the state's oldest trade organization. Our primary purpose is to protect Arizona liquor licensees against aggressive and unfair liquor legislation.

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