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Mr. Mark Aselstine

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Dear Mark:

Thank you for contacting me with your concerns regarding H. R. 5034, the Comprehensive Alcohol Regulatory Effectiveness (CARE) Act of 2010. It's good to hear from you.

As you are aware, the CARE Act clarifies the intent of the 21st Amendment in granting states primary authority to regulate alcohol and reaffirms Congress' support for state-based regulation. It is my understanding that this legislation was introduced in response to the number of lawsuits challenging state regulations and not in an attempt to prevent small businesses from directly selling their product to the consumer.

You may be interested to learn that the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy recently held a hearing on the legal issues concerning state alcohol regulation, which you can review by visiting <http://judiciary.house.gov/>. Please be assured that as this matter is further discussed, I will keep your thoughts and concerns, closely in mind.

Thank you again for contacting me. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duncan Hunter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

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