

To the Honorable Davis and Honorable Dumais,

As a college health practitioner focused on violence prevention, I am opposed to HB (Alcoholic Beverages - Sale or Delivery for Off-Premises Consumption). I have a few concerns about HB 12 I'd like to share:

After the pandemic, this bill would decrease the likelihood of patrons entering the establishment where they would otherwise go to drink socially. The law gives them incentive to drink off the premises where there isn't a bartender or bouncer to act as a bulwark against sexual harassment and assault, health emergencies, and other types of violence. **We will likely see increased rates of violence and negative health impacts in the community**, as well as on college campuses, if this moves forward.

I worry that this would also increase the chances of a patron buying alcohol for someone underage since the alcohol can be bought in smaller, inexpensive, and convenient serving sizes that young people could more readily afford. We know that cost and access play a significant role in underage drinking, and **this law would make alcohol both less expensive and more accessible to people under 21.**

Finally, this law does a disservice to service workers, many of whom are our students from low-income backgrounds, **who may see a hit to the tips they would have received from former dine-in patrons** who would utilize the to-go option. Service workers rely on tips to supplement their set minimum wages, and the to-go option creates an environment where patrons are less likely to tip.

Thank you for your consideration, and I strongly urge you to oppose HB 12.

Sincerely,

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