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Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board

Dear Chairman Holden and Liquor Control Board Members:

As you know, over the last 11 weeks, Pennsylvanians have heeded the calls from medical and public health experts to stay home, stop the spread of COVID-19 and, thereby, save countless lives. Through our collective action, the curve is flattening, and our communities are now looking towards reopening businesses in ways that prioritize public health.

By the end of this week all counties in Pennsylvania will either be in the yellow or green phase of pandemic mitigation, in which businesses and individuals will continue to take certain precautions, including reducing building capacity, encouraging teleworking and preventing large entertainment gatherings.

As you know, restaurants, lodging properties, breweries, performing arts facilities and wineries will be allowed to expand their service from curbside and takeout to outdoor dining. Allowing these businesses the flexibility to utilize outdoor spaces would help them immensely. Towards that end, I respectfully request that the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board grant such businesses with a liquor license an extension of premise permit or a catering permit in cases where a business can extend into municipal property for counties that remain in yellow or green phase of pandemic mitigation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Santarsiero". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "S" and a horizontal line across the top.

Senator Steve Santarsiero, 10th District