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Dear Senators and Representatives of the Joint Committee for the Third Special Session,

I am a sober chef/restaurant owner. I have been sober for more than seven years and while I have had my issues with personally using alcohol I also make my living and support a happy and healthy family from the sale of alcohol, something my sponsor and I have spent much time discussing.

I am writing as an alcoholic in support of Cocktails To Go in Oregon. There is such an ease of accessibility when it comes to alcohol that it seems quite ridiculous to limit an industry that is on its last breath and not give us this small yet important lifeline of sales.

I can personally tell you that being able to pick up a martini kit or margarita will not be the deciding factor of me relapsing. Quite the opposite in fact. The biggest stress and cause for relapse right now in our industry is isolation and being without a job, income, or certain future.

While it might not solve all of our issues, I can assure you that Cocktails To Go will aid in many bars and restaurants making it through these next few turbulent months.

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