



December 17, 2020

Re: Cocktails To-Go

Members of the Joint Interim Committee,

My name is Kiauna Floyd and I own Amalfi's Restaurant in NE Portland. Amalfi's has been the cornerstone of our community for 62 years (est. 1959). As you can imagine, the past 10 months have been the most challenging time and nearly impossible to keep our business afloat. Our industry has been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this time we've had to dig deep, get creative and adjust our business operations {multiple} times to adhere to restrictions and guidelines imposed to restaurants and bars.

In efforts to safely stay open, we utilized our large parking lot to construct an expansive (50' x 150') tent for outdoor dining. Tables were spaced 7' - 10' apart with plenty of hand-washing and disinfecting stations within the space. We also hired a professional cleaning company to weekly disinfect all touch points as well use an electrostatic spraying method inside the building to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The rental and disinfecting cost incurred was just over \$13,000 per month and we feel it was the safest way to meet the challenges at the moment. With the Governor's recent freeze and complete shut-down of all outdoor dining we, like many other restaurants, are now monetarily devastated and carry an incredible expense without the sales to support it.

Passing Cocktails To-Go is vital to our industry now more than ever. Due to COVID-19, we've had to make numerous investments in business adaptations, incur a second shut-down to dine-in business and carry an unfathomable monetary expense that comes with it all. Allowing restaurants to safely sell Cocktails To-Go will help our restaurant continue to serve our customers and keep a small workforce employed. This is a much needed tool to survive this difficult time.

Lastly, more state and/or federal relief targeted to restaurants is desperately needed. Current restrictions are crippling and unsustainable. We cannot keep our doors open for much longer staying this restrictive course.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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