I am writing you in support of HB 2740. As a retail liquor agent, I have been working tirelessly to keep my store open and operating. With increased costs of living I have given all of my staff a higher wage so they can have a decent living wage and to increase employee retention during uncertain times. With the onset of Covid19, I've had additional expenses to protect customers and staff, installing HEPA filter units, supplying customer sanitizing stations, providing masks for customers and employees, and upping my payroll in order to meet the demands of the public in a safe manner. I appreciate your time and consideration for increased compensation based on our increase in expenses and operating our stores.