

EXHIBIT NO. 6
DATE 2-17-11
BILL NO. SB 202

Dear Senators

I am writing to you to protest the shift in taproom hours. First of all let's stop calling them tap rooms or tasting rooms. When you have the same people coming in there every night, that you refer to as your regulars, and then maybe you're a bar. When your tap guy wins bartender of the year for two years in a row, voted for by your regulars, then maybe you're a bar.

I understand that you can only have 48oz but recently my husband was in one of these tap rooms and witnessed a friend have four pints and three tasters . So they are not even sticking to the rules already in place.

It has been a difficult year in this industry with the heavy D.U.I. laws, the smoking ban and a recession going on. We have ten employees and cover our fulltime staff with health insurance and a retirement plan. Our bills stay the same but as you can see by the drop in tax revenue from this industry our businesses are having a really hard time.

With the way people in this state feel about alcohol consumption, at the moment, does it seem right to add more late hours to more establishments. There is no quota system in place for breweries as with bars etc. I have been lead to believe that the quota system on liquor and beer and wine licenses was put in place to stop drinking establishments popping up on every street corner in Montana. We have three taprooms here in Missoula on residential streets. I wonder how the homeowners, who are already unhappy about having a drinking establishment on their doorsteps, will feel when they find out that the drinking hours are moving to 10.00p.m.

I could go on forever about why their argument is so wrong and spurred only by greed and why they will be putting people out of work in the small established businesses here in Montana.

Please feel free to call me any morning at the Union Club 728-7980. We in the MCTOA and the MTA feel very strongly about this issue.

Yours Sincerely



Maggie Collington
Manager
Union Club Bar

February 16, 2010

MONTANA SENATE BUSINESS & LABOR:

We note with great concern that the "microbreweries" in Montana are pushing the Montana Legislature to "shift" (expand at night) their beer "sampling" hours. We are adamantly opposed for the following reasons:

★ These manufacturers were never supposed to be bars or taverns. They were (are) manufacturers who we all have supported by retailing their products. "Sampling" was to be limited in scope and duration. They were never to be retail bars.

★ Now, most of the breweries run retail "tap rooms" and "brewpubs" well into the night, competing directly with licensees who paid dearly for the privilege and thus must compete with them on a *very* uneven playing field.

★ To add insult to injury, they now want to expand their sampling hours from 8:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. (giving up their nearly non-existent morning retail sales in exchange) and their patrons will be able to imbibe till 11:00 p.m.

★ This is not what was agreed to and legislated when limited paid sampling was made legal. In fact, the breweries testified, repeatedly that they did not want to compete with bars and taverns because we were in fact their customers.

★ If they *do* want to sell retail . . . fine, but make them buy (an expensive) retail license like we all did. Letting this "sampling" room abuse expand any further would be grossly unfair to current, fully-invested retailers.

★ Breweries' investments in their plants were to enable them to manufacture, package and distribute their product to the retailers; they have not made an investment remotely equal to ours for the privilege of serving alcohol on-premise.

★ While the State is clamoring for a tightening down on the "alcohol culture", it is certainly ironic that some are promoting this loosening of regulations to advance the proliferation of "brewpubs" and "tap rooms" via the "sample" rooms statute.

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★ This is *not* economic development. These are not new dollars or new jobs. The dollars will come right out of other licensed retailers' pockets; retailers who currently employ 25,000 Montanans with a near half a billion dollar combination payroll and tax contribution, and who buy a full billion dollars in goods and services every year from other Montanans.

PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON ANY EXPANDING (A/K/A "SHIFTING") OF MICROBREWERY RETAIL SALES HOURS.

Thank you for your fairness and common sense and for watching out for our families' tremendous investments in Missoula and Montana.

Sincerely,

Missoula County Tavern Owners' Association (MCTOA)
See attached list of signatures

Signatures to letter regarding microbreweries - Missoula County Tavern Owners' Assoc. (MCTOA)

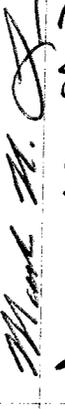
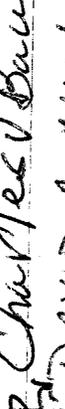
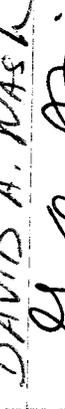
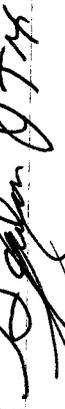
Printed Name Signature Tavern Name Comments

Mike Williams	<i>Mr. Williams</i>	Jokers Wild	
Janet Williams	<i>Janet Williams</i>	Jokers Wild	
DEAN Clinkenberg	<i>Dean Clinkenberg</i>	DEAN'S	
JAY LA FLESCH	<i>Jay LaFlesch</i>	MARVIN'S	
Sierra Keating	<i>Sierra Keating</i>	Marvin's	I Believe they need a liquor
Michael Burgess	<i>Michael Burgess</i>	Lolo liquor	License
TOM FORTER	<i>Tom Forter</i>	ALCAN BAR	
DAVE CAMPBELL	<i>Dave Campbell</i>	Diamond Jim's Eastgate	
STEVE SAVAGE	<i>Steve Savage</i>	MARVIN'S BAR	
Wendy Mosby	<i>Wendy Mosby</i>	Marvin's Bar	
Jed E. TINDER	<i>Jed E. Tinker</i>	HARRY DAVID'S BARTENDING	SHOULD HAVE TO HAVE A LICENSE
Whitney A. FISHER	<i>Whitney A. Fisher</i>	HARRY DAVID'S RACI CASINO	CLUBBY
A. TERRY MORRIS	<i>A. Terry Morris</i>	MT. JACKS	- Need a license
ROBERT MORRIS	<i>Robert Morris</i>	Fat Cat	Need a license
DENELLE HONAKER	<i>Denelle Honaker</i>	WYE WEST GARDEN PUB	

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Printed Name	Signature	Tavern Name	Comments
MIKE LARSON		Stockmans Bar/B&B	Make them But A Licensed

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Noah Castle		Silver Slipper	
MARK N. LASLOVICH		Missoula Club	
JOAN MULLIGAN		Oxford	
KAREN KEELY		HAROLD'S CLUB	DEFINITION OF "SAMPLE" !!!
MIKE GRINEN		O'NEST	NO WAY!!
MIKE (MATT) GRINEN		LOLO STEAK HOUSE	" " "
ROSS BITTNER		FLIPPERS CASINO	" " "
DOUG ZIMMERMAN		GRIZZLY LIGUOR FAC	
BEN D. MARTELLO		SILVER DOLLAR BAR	
Tom McLoughlin		PARADISE Falls	Vote NO !
Charles Benjamin		Three Chunks Bay	NO
David A. Nash		Town & Country lounge	NO
GORDON FIX		PRESS But INC	Vote NO
Toad Hughes		Poor Henrys	"Vote NO" / "No"

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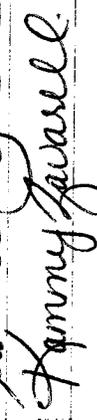
Printed Name	Signature	Tavern Name	Comments
KC LAFLESH	KC Laflesh	Marvins Bar	8 employees
David Campbell	David Campbell	Diamond Jims etc	
CYNTHIA KARNIS	Cynthia Karnis	Marvins	
Katrina Zigan	Katrina Zigan	Marvins	
Shad Ockler	Shad Ockler	M. Newkirk stand here	
Jusie Blue	Jusie Blue	French Connection	
Heather Brown	Heather Brown	Marvins Bar	
Sandra Lambdin	Sandra Lambdin	Marvins Bar	
Brandon Wornath	Brandon Wornath	Marvins Tavern	

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Daren Jurasek	Daren Jurasek	Silvertop Casino	
Matthew Schmidt	Matthew Schmidt	Mullan Station Bar & Casino	

Name	Tavern/Casino	Phone	E-Mail
Amber O'Donnell	Lucky Lil's	721-5770	
Tasmine Hamington	MSLA5 MTLIL'S	542-4723	
Nicole Cutsforth	Lucky Lil's #4	721-5770	
Thanyia Snodgrass	Magic Diamond 6062		
KC Fathleed	Manning Bar	549-4368	UNIONCUS@Bresnon.NET
Maggie Livingston	Union Curb	728-7980	
Jennifer Tanner	Mt. Lil's	251-1547	
Melissa Pamin	Tavern Pump DMU	240-3934	MelissaP@tavernpump.com
Wendy Tennant	Tavern Pump DMU		LOB@tavernpump.com

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NILA Johnson		Katie O'Keefe's	It's hard enough in this economy but they are not licensed
Sandra Jones		Best Bet	Missoula County Executive Director MCTOA
Kimmy Zavarelli		Sunrise Saloon	Please don't allow manufacturers to retail product.

Signatures to letter regarding microbreweries - Ravalli County Tavern Association

Printed Name

Signature

Tavern Name

Comments

Jackie Goren

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Bill moon saloon

the microbreweries need to get testing

RUTH CARMONA

Philippa Carmona

PLUM LO CO SALOON

Same as above

Sabrina Paulson

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High Country Club

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