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A. Keith Burt, Director
Oklahoma ABLE Commission
3812 N. Santa Fe Avenue
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RE: Written Comments on ABLE Proposed Rules

Director Burt:

I want to compliment ABLE Commission staff for its work on the Proposed Rules. Considering the significant changes to both Oklahoma's constitutional and statutory provisions pertaining to alcoholic beverages, the work of updating the state's current administrative rules is no small task. Above all, I believe the ABLE Commission's primary objectives are to prevent overconsumption and underage access to alcoholic beverages as well as preserving a competitive and orderly market in the distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages within the state. I believe both objectives are accomplished when the ABLE Commission's statutes and rules promote the three-tier system and prevent unlawful trade practices from undermining that system.

Pursuant to the Notice of Rulemaking Intent published in the Oklahoma Register, I wish to simply highlight several general areas where the ABLE Commission may wish to further scrutinize the Proposed Rules to determine whether more can be done to ensure a competitive and orderly market: insufficient fund checks, merchandising, and returns. I believe that the Proposed Rules are a good starting point, and I would welcome the opportunity to participate, whenever possible, in providing additional feedback on these topics as well as any other comments provided by Oklahoma's various stakeholders.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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