



July 23, 2015

Alabama Alcohol Beverage Study Commission
Alabama State House, Suite 207
11 South Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36130

Re: Legislation for Craft Breweries

Dear Members of the Alcohol Commission:

My name is David Carn, and I am the business development manager and general counsel for Back Forty Beer Company in Gadsden, Alabama. I have been with Back Forty from the very start, having literally walked our Articles of Organization to the courthouse back on March 13, 2009. Three years after that day in March 2009, I left my job with one of the largest law firms in the Southeast, and for the last three years I have been a full-time team member here at Back Forty.

As an attorney I have played a key role in the crucial legislative changes that have allowed for our in-state industry to grow over the past several years. When we started back in 2009, there was just one other brewery. That brewery had formed only months before in 2008. Today there are well over twenty operations all across our state. We continue to add jobs and drive economic development and tourism in our individual municipalities, as well as the entire state of Alabama.

I sincerely hope that you will support legislative changes that will continue to enable our growth as an industry in Alabama.

Sincerely,

David A. Carn