

# Alcohol Beverage Study Commission Public Comment Form\*

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Please provide any background information you believe to be relevant along with any supporting information or research you would like the Commission to consider along with this Public Comment Form.

## **Please provide your specific thoughts on the following questions and use additional paper if necessary:**

What are the issues that affect your business/industry relative to the three tier system? The current system of local distributors helps local communities and local charities: Budweiser-Busch Distributing is a family-owned, local-hiring company that has helped our agency with thousands of dollars in charity sponsorships and thousands of hours in donated man-hours of services to help provide help to abused children. They promote public relations campaigns through public service advertising to urge reporting of child abuse

What solutions would you suggest to solve the issues you identified?

I would urge keeping the local distribution system the same with local control and local community responsibility by the local distributors. Large, national corporations do not care about specific needs of local communities and will not support local charities and organizations that are addressing local problems.

Are there any specific issues relative to licensing that should be addressed in the law?

The current system is not "broke". It works well for local communities and allows locally owned, family owned distributors to hire locally and build up successful companies over the years. Local governments can also more easily hold local distributors accountable for promoting responsible drinking by adults and zero tolerance for under-age drinking. Large national corporations are not concerned or involved with local efforts to make local communities a safe, better place to live and work or in helping local charities help the most vulnerable in our communities.