

**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?

Our Association is comprised of wholesale beer distributors in Alabama. Their business model is based upon the three-tier system. Not only do we believe that the three-tier system is very important to our Member's businesses but also to consumer safety.

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

We believe that any legislation that weakens the three-tier system could be potentially damaging to our industry as well as Alabama open to expensive litigation, as has occurred in many other states.

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

The production, distribution and sales of alcohol should be taken very seriously and in a controlled environment. Our Association believes that licensing fees should be substantial enough to provide the needed resources for regulators of the industry.