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Mr. Timothy Gorsuch, Director  
California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control  
3927 Leanne Drive, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95834

**RE: AB 1425**

Dear Director Gorsuch:

As Chair and Vice-Chair of the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee, we write to you today to provide clarification regarding a Committee Bill, AB 1425, which went into effect on January 1, 2014.

It has been brought to our attention that an upcoming homebrew festival, and others like it, are now in jeopardy. This measure was intended to provide an avenue for home brewers to share their products for personal use, competition, and donation to non-profits. As we understand, ABC interprets these changes in a manner that many of these festivals are now illegal.

Festivals and gatherings such as these are vital to local economies as they help drive tourism, in addition to promoting small and family owned business growth and job creation.

We respectfully request your assistance to ensure that these festivals are permitted to carry out their long standing traditions this year. We would like to work with you and the Department to provide clarity as to the intent of this measure, and take whatever steps are needed to resolve this matter without impacting thousands of home brewers across the state.

We thank you for your prompt attention to this issue, and we look forward to working with you for a swift resolution.

Sincerely,

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Assemblyman, 64<sup>th</sup> District

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