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August 10, 2022

Hon. Phil Murphy, Governor

State of New Jersey

PO Box 001

Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing on behalf of the Salem County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and 400 Members in support of local breweries and brewing companies. We have become aware that recently activated ABC rules regarding brewery operations have been implemented that are incredibly unfriendly to this industry.

Salem County is currently home to Farmers and Bankers Brewing with another brewery planning to open soon in the County. Located in Woodstown, Farmers and Bankers Brewing is a small, family-owned business. They utilize locally grown grains for their products. The spent grains from the brewing process are recycled, given back to local farmers to feed their livestock, making it a no waste product.

Similar to the local wineries, Farmers and Bankers Brewing in a very short time has become a destination helping to bring tourists into our area and directly boosting the local economy. We find the current regulations to be business killers instead of rules that encourage and support an entrepreneurial sector of our economy. Regulations to minimize the number and types of events each can host seem particularly burdensome. Restrictions on food and soda and coffee have questionable basis.

New Jersey is not considered business friendly state. The breweries have much potential for new employment, boosting tourism, and reviving distressed downtowns which makes these restrictions seem like an overreach.

We urge you and other State officials to reconsider these new restrictions, so the craft brewing industry is able to thrive and grow not only in Salem County but throughout the great State of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

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