

# Senate Law and Justice Committee

## Public Hearing to Consider the Governor's Liquor Privatization Plan

Hearing Room #1 North Office Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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Testimony of Sarah Foisy - Council Rock Coalition for Healthy Youth



My name is Sarah, I'm 13 years old, and I go to Richboro Middle school in Bucks County, and I am a member of the Council Rock Coalition for Healthy Youth.

\*You are elected to do what is in the best interest of all the citizens of PA, not just for the corporations. Putting financial interest above what is best for the people is not what you were elected to do. I want to feel more important than the financial interest. My health and the wellbeing of others should be more important than the financial interest.

\*Laws are created to protect the public. By law you must wear a seat belt and have your child restrained in a car seat or booster seat. They have been proven to save lives. I always use my seat belt, because when I was younger my mom would tell me I could fly right out the window if there was accident, and that would scare me. Now I'm hearing news reports on alcohol related car incidents. How is that any different from seatbelts? An accident is an accident, and there is a danger in every car accident and there will be more accidents, if there is more alcohol to be bought and sold.

\*If my math works, if you increase availability, than you increase drinking. If you increase drinking, then you increase the already high possibility of alcohol related incidents, and when that occurs, and amount of injuries and fatalities will increase as well. This chain reaction is not worth it. The cost of convenience is not as important as the cost of my friends' or neighbors lives. I do not want to grow up in that kind of community, or with the knowledge that my sister with her new license could be out on the road, with drunk drivers and the potential accident waiting around each corner.

\*I urge you to truly stop and think of the serious financial and social consequences of giving control of such a dangerous product to private corporations whose bottom line

**is profit, not the safety and well-being of our youth today and our future generations.** The younger people of today, including me, are very important to the world of tomorrow.

**The choices you make today, should be the choices we can live with tomorrow.**

Thank you.