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Testin Opposes Current Alcohol Czar Legislation

Key Member on Senate Committee Intends to Vote "No" on bill

Madison, WI – Earlier today, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Local Government met for a hearing on Senate Bill 801, a piece of legislation that many small craft breweries view as threatening to their business model.

Following the hearing, committee member Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) announced that he could not support the legislation, and intended to vote no if the legislation comes to a vote.

"Portage County is a hub for craft brewing and distilling. These businesses employ many people locally and contribute greatly to the region's economy," said Senator Testin. "As soon as this legislation was introduced, I reached out to brewers, distillers, and winery owners in my district to get their input. I heard their concerns, and as a result, I cannot vote for this bill as it's currently written."

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