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From: klahner@burlington-wi.gov
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2009 11:29 AM
To: Kerkman, Samantha; Sen. Wirch
Subject: SB 294 - Restaurant Liquor License Exemption

Representative Kerkman and Senator Wirch:

Senate Bill 294 a bill that would exempt full-service restaurants from the current liquor license quota was introduced on September 16. As you may recall, the City of Burlington supported a similar bill last year. We continue to support efforts to remove the current liquor license quota from full service restaurants. The current system impacts several cities throughout Wisconsin, and limits their ability to achieve continued economic growth in their areas. Burlington is particularly impacted in that our retail and restaurant corridor (Highway 36) is continuing to grow and we have issued all of our available liquor licenses. Additionally, I would note that the legislature has consistently granted additional liquor licenses for restaurants through legislation. This piece-meal approach only serves to slow down the process and take time from more pressing issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Plale / Hintz bill. Referred to Trans., Tourism,
Forestry & NR.