



**Washington State
Liquor Control Board**

October 12, 2011

The Honorable Mayor Mike McGinn
Mayor of Seattle
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Dear Mayor McGinn:

By this letter, the Washington State Liquor Control Board has agreed to the City of Seattle's petition to open the rule-making process regarding Washington Administrative Code WAC 314-11-070, relating to liquor service hours. The Board appreciates the work you and your staff have put into building support for your petition.

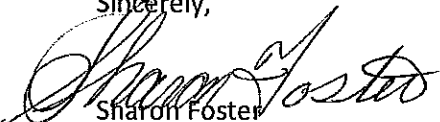
As a Board, our highest priority is mitigating the impact that extended hours of service could have on public safety. In your letter you noted that you have also reached out to King County officials and the Washington State Patrol. We will be interested in learning their views as well as those of other law enforcement agencies, city officials, and residents within and outside the city limits.

As we move forward with rulemaking, we hope to address several questions, including the below.

- Has there been any impact to public safety in cities that have adopted extended bar hours?
- To the extent that these impacts have been identified, have resources such as additional public safety staffing, transportation alternatives, etc. been identified?
- Does law enforcement in jurisdictions outside Seattle have concerns about potentially seeing an increase in drinking and driving as people drive to and from an area zoned for extended bar hours?

We appreciate your efforts to work cooperatively with us as we move forward with rule-making.

Sincerely,


Sharon Foster
Board Chair


Ruthann Kurose
Board Member


Chris Marr
Board Member