

As a proud owner of a Craft beer/cocktail bar in Washington, I have personally witnessed the positive impact that to-go options have had on our business during these challenging times. The COVID-19 crisis forced us to adapt and find new ways to generate revenue, and being able to sell beer to go on a temporary license has been instrumental in keeping our doors open.

However, it is disheartening that while we can sell bottles of wine, mead, cider, and other alcoholic beverages for takeout purposes, there are restrictions when it comes to selling beer. This limitation not only affects our ability to serve our loyal customers but also hinders the growth of the craft beer industry as a whole.

By creating a Beer To-Go endorsement for restaurants in Washington state, we can continue generating much-needed revenue while supporting local breweries. Smaller breweries often rely heavily on taproom sales and face challenges when it comes to selling their products at grocery stores or other retail outlets. Allowing restaurants like ours to sell craft beer for takeout would provide these smaller breweries with an additional avenue for distribution and help them thrive.

To support this petition further, let's consider some relevant facts:

1. Economic Impact: According to data from the Brewers Association (source: brewersassociation.org), craft brewing contributed \$1.5 billion directly into Washington's economy in 2019 alone. By expanding opportunities for craft beer sales through restaurant endorsements like Beer To-Go options, we can boost this economic impact even further.
2. Job Creation: The craft brewing industry supports thousands of jobs across Washington state (source: washingtonbeer.com). By allowing restaurants to sell craft beer for takeout purposes under an endorsement program specifically designed for this purpose, we can help preserve existing jobs within the industry and potentially create new ones as well.
3. Consumer Demand: A survey conducted by the National Restaurant Association (source: restaurant.org) found that 78% of consumers are more likely to choose a restaurant if they offer alcoholic beverages for takeout or delivery. By providing restaurants with the ability to sell craft beer to go, we can meet this consumer demand and enhance their overall dining experience.

In conclusion, I urge you to support the creation of a Beer To-Go endorsement for restaurants in Washington state. This endorsement would not only help businesses like ours continue generating revenue during these challenging times but also provide a

much-needed boost to the craft beer industry, especially smaller breweries that rely on taproom sales.

Let's come together and make it easier for Washington residents to enjoy their favorite local craft beers from the comfort of their homes while supporting our vibrant restaurant and brewing community. Sign this petition today and let's create positive change together!