



October 13, 2020

Governor Mike DeWine  
Office of the Governor  
Riffe Center, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 South South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

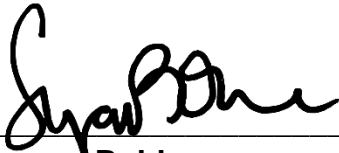
As representatives from the hospitality industry representing distillers, restaurants and bars across Ohio, we would like to thank you for supporting Ohio's hospitality businesses by signing HB 669 into law and making cocktails to-go permanent in the state. During these unprecedented times, you have listened to the plight of Ohio's restaurants and bars as they struggled to cope with the challenges posed by COVID-19. As one of the first governors to allow cocktails to-go via an executive order, you have been a real champion for Ohio's hospitality industry, and we are incredibly thankful for your efforts.

Thousands of hospitality businesses across Ohio including restaurants, taverns, bars, distilleries, and their retail sales operations and tasting rooms have been closed either completely or in some capacity since mid-March. Clearly, this has had a devastating impact on the thousands of people employed by on-premises establishments in Ohio as well as local business owners.

Fortunately, cocktails to-go provided a much-needed lifeline for struggling on-premise locations and prevented the permanent closure of many of these businesses. Now that this measure is permanent, hospitality businesses have increased stability despite the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic. Thanks to your signature of HB 669, Ohio has become the second state to make a COVID-era cocktails to-go measure permanent.

Thank you for your continued support of Ohio's hospitality businesses and for signing HB 669 to provide certainty for these businesses.

Sincerely,



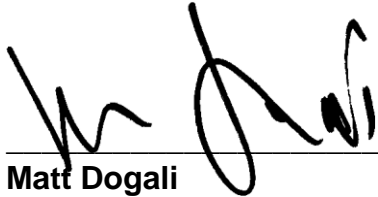
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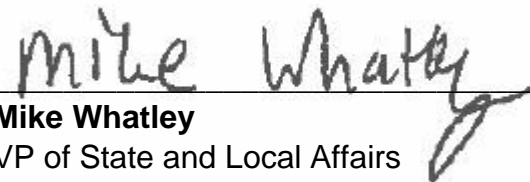
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