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CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN
Mayor

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Representative Joe Hoppe, Chair
House Commerce and Regulatory Reform Committee
563 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chairman Hoppe,

Thank you for considering House File 703, a bill proposed by Representative Jennifer Loon authorizing Minnesota breweries to sell glasses of their own beer at their own facilities. I write in support of this bill and for all of Minnesota's breweries.

Saint Paul has home to a rich history of family owned breweries. Our different neighborhoods are marked by the striking architecture and lore of these companies and their contribution to Minnesota's commerce and economic growth. In 1848, Anthony Yoerg, Jr. began construction of Minnesota's first brewery near today's Xcel Energy Center. Nearly 140 years later Mark Stutrud continued that tradition when he opened Summit Brewery on University Avenue. I am a strong supporter of Mark and other brewers' entrepreneurial spirit.

This tradition of Minnesota's economy should be embraced and allowed to prosper as breweries, taprooms, and brew pubs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher B. Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher B. Coleman,
Mayor