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Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on SB 35. ABC is neutral on this bill but would respectfully suggest a minor amendment to subsection c that I will explain in a moment.

Section 1(b) allows clubs and drinking establishments to employ felons with the exception of a person that has been convicted of a person felony, drug felony, sex offenders, violent offenders, or drug offenders. ABC is neutral on this section.

Section (c) Allows clubs and drinking establishments to employ a person that has been guilty of two liquor violations in the last five years. A person would become ineligible when they become guilty of a third liquor violation within five years. Under current law, a person is ineligible to sell or serve liquor if they have had one violation within the last two years.

We recognize that people make mistakes and we understand the argument that excluding them from selling or serving alcohol at a restaurant, bar or liquor store for one liquor violation may seem overly restrictive. We would recommend, however, revising the language that begins on line 26 (subsection c) to make a second violation of selling or serving alcoholic liquor to a minor within five years a disqualifying factor. Currently, the person is disqualified on the first offense.

Thank you for considering our proposed amendment to this bill.