

The Pennsylvania Tavern Association Supports the Community Alcohol Regulatory Effectiveness (CARE) Act of 2011

The Pennsylvania Tavern Association joins businesses, law enforcement, regulators, and health and treatment specialists across the United States in supporting, H.R. 1161, the Community Alcohol Regulatory Effectiveness (CARE) Act of 2011.

PTA's interest in the CARE Act is to protect the alcohol laws passed by Pennsylvania's locally elected officials. In recent years, across the country out of state retailers, suppliers and others have filed litigation to try and overturn effective state alcohol laws and regulations. We believe the legislature is where these decisions should be made, not the courtroom.

Commonsense state laws that have come under attack in other states include ID checks to prevent minors from accessing alcohol – laws that are not just important to our businesses, but are on the front-line of our businesses and of public safety.

Amy Christie, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Tavern Association explains their position further, "Most of the American public believes that alcohol needs to be regulated, but what works in other states across the country doesn't necessarily work for the people of Pennsylvania, and the decision should be up to our citizens and elected representatives. For that reason, the PTA opposes a one-size-fits-all approach to alcohol regulation and supports individual state control, which the CARE Act reinforces."

Pennsylvania's taverns and other independent retailers are proud to be part of our state's licensed beverage industry; we are also proud to be part of the conversation regarding alcohol regulations in laws and rules crafted to balance social responsibility with healthy competition and growth. That is exactly why we support H.R. 1161