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September 4, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O St., Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Veto Request – Assembly Bill 3206

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you veto Assembly Bill 3206.

This bill, if implemented, creates a special 4 a.m. last-call exemption for the sale of alcoholic beverages within a major stadium in the City of Inglewood.

Alcohol-related deaths are out of control in California, rising from 10,800 deaths annually in 2015 to 19,335 in 2021. Moreover, alcohol-related driving fatalities continue to rise from 966 in 2019 to 1,370 in 2021. These fatalities are not just a symptom of the pandemic; 5-year rolling averages have increased from 983 in 2017 – the first year a San Francisco legislator introduced a 4 a.m. bar bill – to 1,115 in 2023. Extended last-call times have been repeatedly shown to lead to more dangerous driving, injury, and violence.

Despite the attempt at the narrow scope of this bill, it continues to set dangerous precedent. Making an exception for one venue to allow operation into the early morning hours will add drunk drivers on the roads of Inglewood and the surrounding communities, at a time early morning commuters are getting on the road. As a retired firefighter who worked in the Inglewood communities, I cannot support AB-3206.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully request that you veto AB-3206. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto
Senate, 32nd District