



National Beer Wholesalers Association

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

I write to commend you for your recent efforts to crack down on the growing availability of high-tech fake drivers' licenses from sources abroad. As you know, this is a serious issue not only for alcohol law enforcement but for national security.

Efforts to avoid proper age identification through the use of technologically-advanced, fraudulent IDs are putting increased strain on those charged with enforcing alcohol laws. These IDs are often mass produced overseas and wind up in the hands of underage people in communities across our country. A recent investigation by state alcohol regulatory authorities in New Hampshire and Massachusetts led to the conviction of a criminal who was making up to \$12,000 per month supplying fake IDs to hundreds of college students by utilizing a website based in China.

As you further examine the fake ID issue, I am hopeful that your office will work with the experts at the National Liquor Law Enforcement Administration who have been on the front lines of the fight against the use of fake IDs in licensed alcohol retailers across the country. They will be a tremendous asset in your efforts to address this significant problem.

Thank you for your leadership on the fake ID issue. Please do not hesitate to contact the National Beer Wholesalers Association if we can be of assistance in your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A. Purser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Craig A. Purser
President and CEO

cc: Richard Cologie, President, National Liquor Law Enforcement Administration