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Hey y'all,  
Can someone help me with a response to this? Thanks!  
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From: liknose@aol.com [mailto:liknose@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 11:38 AM  
To: Walls, Courtney  
Subject: Bill #404 ---3 Store Limit Expansion... from Sunita Patel

Ms. Courtney,

Sunita Patel asked me to send you this. If you recall, you met her during the visit she had a few weeks ago with Governor Haley.

This is the link for this bill we are trying to stop. It involves an increase in the number of liquor stores one company can own. Regulated industry, stores (access) should be limited. SC is very liberal with a 3 store limit. Only 5 states have unlimited. Most states have 1 or 2. With a limit of 3, everyone has a chance to make a living; with more than 3 becomes a monopoly and business is split among the few remaining and no one makes a decent living. Control states have one store per town and several in large cities. This is national agenda for Total Wine, 89 stores in 15 states.

Why try to fix a system of laws that isn't broken and serves us well? ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) was established with purpose and resulted in its intentions of "leveling the playing field," for retailers, while maximizing service to the consumer. We in Horry County relying on the tourist season to get us through the year, would be severely affected if S 404 advances and becomes law. We do not have the year round population to support more stores than what is allowed by law now. Look at the statistics as to the closures of stores in the Charleston area when Total Wines moved in there, and they have a tremendous year round population.

Please do not jeopardize my livelihood and the jobs of thousands my fellow South Carolinians who have prospered without S 404, and consider, "What would they want to change next?" Consider the Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Southern Baptist and other organizations who have been tolerant of existing laws.

What right do legislators have to change the laws in favor of a large out of state chain and put our South Carolinians out of business! The very ones who elected them.

Please help us save small business, some 4 generations owned. MANY, MANY small stores will be forced to close.

Here is a link to the bill.

[http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120\\_2013-2014/bills/404.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/404.htm)

We would appreciate any assistance you can be to help us stop this bill!

THANK YOU!!

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