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MADD's Support of LED Rules

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Hello,

I am writing in support of the rules as proposed by the Liquor Enforcement Division. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) participated as a stakeholder in the rulemaking process and we recommend that the rules be adopted as drafted.

Within the drafted rules, we support Regulation 47-900 E barring liquor license holders from allowing on-premises consumption of marijuana. To be clear, MADD does not take a position on the legalization of recreational marijuana. In this particular case, the research does not indicate that the expansion of marijuana consumption to bars and restaurants can be done safely.

Research shows that driving while high on marijuana may double the risk of an automobile crash. When both alcohol and marijuana are consumed at the same time, it is likely to result in greater impairment than either one alone.

Detecting the combined impairment from marijuana and alcohol would be very difficult for servers at bars and restaurants. Our state and local law enforcement officers receive special training to detect this type of multiple substance impairment—training that servers won't have. While they do receive training to identify alcohol impairment, it's not reasonable to expect that servers could effectively identify the combined impairment from alcohol and marijuana and prevent impaired customers from driving. As a result, we could see more impaired drivers on our Colorado roads.

A great deal of thought and consideration has gone into this rulemaking process to preserve public safety. We urge you to adopt the proposed rules as drafted.

Thank you,



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