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Her Worship Lisa Helps Mayor of the City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for your letter of September 17, 2018, addressed to Premier John Horgan, requesting a change in liquor licensing legislation to assist the local government input process. As the Minister responsible for liquor policy, I am pleased to respond.

The provincial government will be focusing its resources on assessing the Business Technical Advisory Panel's 24 recommendations to improve the interactions between government and our province's liquor industry. As such, we will not be evaluating other requests for liquor law and policy reform at this time. You can find these recommendations on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch's (the branch) website here:

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/liquor-regulation-licensing/liquor-panel

I understand your office has been in contact with the branch. I invite you continue to engage with the branch to determine if there is another way to meet the needs of Victoria Council. I know the branch will be happy to meet with you to discuss local government process.

Thank you for taking the time to share the views of the Victoria City Council.

Yours truly.

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