The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
California State Assembly, 25th District  
State Capitol, Room 3086  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

City of Beverly Hills – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in SUPPORT of your SB 378 (Portantino), which will protect public health and safety by establishing important regulations related to emergency suspensions of alcoholic beverage licenses.

Specifically, SB 378 (Portantino) will authorize the Director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), by emergency order, to temporarily suspend, limit, or condition any alcoholic beverage license when such action is urgent and necessary to protect against an immediate threat to health or safety. This bill will help local city officials and municipal police crack down on severe illegal activity, such as human trafficking, prostitution, drug trafficking, illegal gambling, or violence involving severe injury or death, when such activities occur in conjunction with a business holding a liquor license.

To enact a suspension of an alcoholic beverage license, local city officials or municipal law enforcement must present ABC with evidence of the crime(s), and the Director of ABC must produce a related emergency order. SB 378 (Portantino) is a critical public health and safety measure. This bill will help California cities in our efforts to address the issues of human trafficking, gang activity, and violent crimes.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills SUPPORTS SB 378 (Portantino). Thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

John A. Mirisch  
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District  
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District  
Andrew K. Antwih, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.