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TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Joseph Brennan
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

I intend to introduce legislation that will amend the state Liquor Code to allow licensed establishments within a special occasion permit's designated boundaries to be regulated by the parameters that are set forth in that permit.

This legislation attempts to resolve a recent incident in my district. Musikfest is a community festival that has a long-standing history in Bethlehem. This summer-time festival lasts for nearly two weeks each year and encompasses much of historic downtown Bethlehem. Tradition allows for festival goers to go between musical venues with open containers of alcohol. During last year's event, the state police's liquor enforcement division cited licensed establishments for selling open containers, despite their non-enforcement of the liquor code for more than 25 years.

Special events and festivals are meant to increase tourism and boost economic activity in the community. My legislation will allow any licensed establishment physically located within the special occasion boundaries to have the same benefits as the special occasion permit holder. This legislation is drafted to affect the Musikfest event in Bethlehem ONLY.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Maria Halkias at 772-9902-6540 or via e-mail at mhalkias@pahouse.net