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To: Wholesalers of Beer, Brewers, Outstate Sellers of Beer
Executive Staff

From: Michigan Liquor Control Commission

Subject: Anti Tied-House Practices

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) would like to remind licensed beer wholesalers, licensed suppliers and out-state sellers of beer, about the prohibition against "Tied-House" arrangements. "Tied House" laws of the Liquor Control Code are intended to prevent inappropriate or coercive business practices among the various sectors of the liquor industry, either through domination of one tier over another or through exclusion of competitors' products.

Licensed wholesalers and suppliers that enter into distribution agreements that violate "Tied-House" or "aid and assist" provisions of the Liquor Code or the Rules of the MLCC will be subject to enforcement action. See MCL 436.1403; MCL 436.1603; MCL 436.1609; and Rule 436.1651(3). Links to these Code and Rule provisions can be found by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/dleg>.

In addition to citing licensees for tied-house violations, the Commission will continue to work closely with the Attorney General's Office to assure compliance with the Liquor Control Code and administrative rules of the Commission.

If you have any questions about the Commission's tied-house rules, please contact the Enforcement Division of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission at (517) 322-1370.