GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

October 31, 2014

Re: Holiday Extension of Hours for Calendar Year 2015

Dear On-Premises Retailer's Licensee:

D.C. Law 19-168, the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Act of 2012 (Act), took effect on October 1, 2012. The Act amends section 25-723(c) of the D.C. Code to allow eligible on-premises retailer's licensees to apply to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) to sell and serve alcoholic beverages until 4:00 a.m. and operate 24 hours a day on District or federal holidays and certain holiday weekends. The Act requires licensees to provide written notice of its intent to extend its hours of operation and submit a public safety plan to ABRA once each calendar year no fewer than 30 days before the first holiday on which a licensee seeks to extend its hours of operation.

The first affected holiday to occur in calendar year 2015 is New Year's Day on Thursday morning, January 1, 2015 with the evening of extended business hours occurring on Wednesday evening, December 31, 2014 (New Year's Eve). Because of the minimum 30 day notice requirement to ABRA, eligible licensees that wish to extend their hours of operation for New Year's Day must complete and submit both the attached Holiday Extension of Hours Notification Form (Notification Form) and the Public Safety Plan Information Form in person to ABRA by **Tuesday, December 2, 2014**. Both forms are also available on ABRA's website at www.abra.dc.gov. There is no fee to apply. Upon completing the notification process, you will receive a letter confirming that the notification requirements have been met for the remainder of calendar year 2015 only. In addition to New Year's Day, the remaining holidays for calendar year 2015 that extended hours are permitted are included in the attached 2015 Extended Hour Calendar.

On-premises retailer's licensees are eligible to provide written notification for the Holiday extension of hours only if (1) the licensee does not have a settlement agreement, or (2) the settlement agreement does not contain any restrictions on closing hours. The holder of an on-premises retailer's license who does not wish to sell or serve alcoholic beverages or remain open during these extended hours is not required to do so.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact ABRA's Licensing Division at (202) 442-4423.

Sincerely,

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