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**From:** Ben

**Agenda Item:** Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing

**Meeting Date:** 8/27/2024

**Minutes Exhibit:** 8.5

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Taxpayer does or does not want to speak at the hearing: Taxpayer does not want to speak at the hearing.

Type of Tax: Alcoholic Beverage Tax

Speaker's Name: Ben

Title (if applicable):

Company (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

E-Mail Address:

Account Number (if applicable):

Taxpayer's Name (if not speaker):

Organization:

Telephone Number:

Description of Issues:

I drink alcohol but also recognize it's inherent negative impacts. CA's taxes on alcohol don't cover the costs of alcohol-related injury and damage across our state, and the taxes are not significant enough to act as a disincentive to unhealthy/unsafe consumption. Please increase our alcohol taxes 10-fold so we are no longer one of the lowest in the nation.

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