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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

To: Chief Clerk Tim Sekerak
From: Representative Dexter
Date: May 23, 2023
Subject: Voter Explanation for Senate Bill 616

Chief Clerk Sekerak:

On May 22nd, 2023 I voted "Nay" on SB 616. This bill would have allowed up to five cases of cider or malt beverages to be shipped directly to a consumer per month, up from the two-case maximum already established in ORS 471.282.

As of 2022, 12% of Oregonians suffer from alcohol use disorder with alcohol ranking as the most misused substance in the state¹. As a physician-legislator, I believe in the pursuit of policies that center the health and safety of Oregonians. More than doubling the amount of cider and malt beverages that can be delivered directly to the doorstep of those who may be suffering from alcohol use disorder is not a responsive action to the crisis in our state.

While ORS 471.282 currently allows up to five cases of wine to be shipped, I do believe a nuance exists as unlike cider and beer, wine is often collected and aged.

Respectfully submitted into the House record,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maxine Dexter".

Representative Maxine Dexter, M.D.
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¹<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2022/02/07/oregon-has-worst-drug-addiction-problem-in-the-nation-report-shows/>