



# Greater Houston Retailers Cooperative Association, Inc.

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The Honorable José Cuevas, Jr.  
Presiding Officer  
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission  
P.O. Box 13127  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Cuevas:

On behalf of thousands of convenience stores across the state of Texas I want you to know of the profound appreciation that our employees, owners, and investors have for the fine leadership delivered by Allan Steen, Administrator of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Since assuming his duties as Administrator, Mr. Steen has reached out and engaged in meaningful communication with all segments of our industry. Appropriately prompted by Mr. Steen, our members – the Greater Houston Retailers Association, Northern Texas Trade Association, South Texas Merchants Association, and the Greater Austin Merchants Association – regularly join other industry stakeholders in working toward improvements that help the Commission achieve its mission and statutory goals. In lieu of compartmentalized anonymity, Mr. Steen and his professional staff work and communicate in close partnership via technology and old-fashioned personal interaction to continually improve industry practices and compliance.

With openness and candor, our interactions with Mr. Steen and his staff have successfully promoted a healthy marketplace and job creation. Business and industry simply work better when all market participants, especially consumers and front-line businesses, are treated fairly.

Maintaining fidelity to the public policy framework set out by the Legislature, Mr. Steen is a beacon for government executives: Texas tough, measured in manner, and fair. Governor Perry recently proclaimed, “Staying true to our great state’s legacy of innovation, small businesses throughout Texas continue to blaze new trails of success.” Mr. Steen genuinely and consistently embodies the best in Texas government, allowing for continued great success in our market.

Respectfully,

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President