

TO:	The Honorable Members of the PA Senate Law and Justice Committee
FROM:	Alex Halper, VP, Government Affairs
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RE:	Support S.B. 688 – Allow RTD sales

On behalf of the PA Chamber, I urge you to support S.B. 688 to allow private sector establishments to sell Ready to Drink canned beverages (RTDs). This bill is scheduled for committee today.

RTDs are growing in popularity, and it is simply unfair to deny your local convenience stores and supermarkets the ability to respond to their customers and sell these products.

RTDs have an alcohol content similar to beer or wine and are sold in supermarkets all over the country, including neighboring states whose stores no doubt love the additional customers they get as a result of the irrational restriction placed on Pennsylvania businesses.

We urge you to support this bill and appreciate your considering our views. Please contact Alex Halper at <u>ahalper@pachamber.org</u> or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.