



September 25, 2018

Joint Legislative Council Study Committee on Alcohol Beverages Enforcement

Dear Members:

I am writing in response to a memo circulated to the Committee by Stephen Nagy of the Wisconsin Agriculture Tourism Association relating to a Tavern League of Wisconsin document on unlicensed party barns.

The Tavern League of Wisconsin did not send a memo to the Legislative Council Committee and does not intend to engage in an email spat with the WATA. We sent a memo to our Membership detailing the law and the reason for our support of licensure of so-called unlicensed party barns. We stand by the facts in the memo and will continue to communicate with our Members.

It is unfortunate that WATA felt compelled to communicate with the Committee regarding a memo you never received. The Tavern League will provide information to the Committee if requested but we do not intend to flood the committee with unsolicited emails. For the record, WATA did an excellent job of making our point when they confirmed, like us, they are businesses and as responsible business owners obtain necessary commercial liability insurance.

Thank you and please let me know if you would like any information on this or any other issues to be discussed by the Committee.

Sincerely,

Chris Marsicano, TLW President