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The Honorable Joe Straus  
Texas Capitol  
PO Box 2910  
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Dear Speaker Straus;

The Texas Beverage Association was founded in 1890, and represents beverage producers, distributors, franchise companies and support industries. Our members own and rent millions of dollars worth of physical assets such as manufacturing facilities, distribution centers, and vehicles.

All of those assets would be at risk if Senate Bill 1628 were to become law.

The bill undermines and attacks protections that have existed in the Insurance Code for over 40 years. These protections have served Texas homeowners and businesses well for a long time; the insurance market in Texas is as healthy and robust as it has ever been.

There is no legitimate reason to push a legislative agenda that started out to curb "hailstorm abuse" and now dips precipitously into unintended consequences that harm Texas businesses.

I urge you NOT to support SB 1628 or the companion HB 4636.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David McMichael', is written over a horizontal line.

David McMichael  
President, Texas Beverage Association