

Dear [State Representative],

I am writing to you today to express support for reinstating and permanently continuing the cocktail to-go program in New York. Not only has the program been wildly popular amongst New Yorkers, it has been a saving grace to small business owners and restaurants. While restrictions from the pandemic may be lifting, the economic damage from the pandemic is still being deeply felt by small business owners and restaurants in particular. Your abrupt ending of the program will without a doubt hinder the recovery for many restaurants and may in fact force places that have worked so hard to survive this past year to close. Not only are you eliminating what has been an important source of revenue, but by abruptly ending the program you are leaving small restaurant owners with excessive amounts of inventory that for some places have put them into thousands of dollars of debt overnight. This debt in combination with the economic hardships already faced by small restaurants this past year could force even more restaurants out of business. This is a moment when your administration should be doing everything in its power to support small businesses on their road to recovery after the hardships of this past year. Extending the off-premises rights for restaurants would help New York restaurants survive and hopefully someday thrive again. It is important to reinstate this policy immediately.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

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