

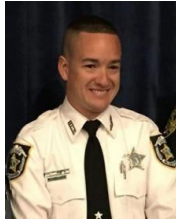
April 17, 2017

Dear House Representative,

Please **VOTE NO TO HB-81**. Protect our families and highways.

DO FLORIDIANS NEED INCREASED ACCESS TO HARD LIQUOR?

1. Florida is ranked #3 in the nation for fatal DUI crashes- Not just statistics- Deputy John Kotfila died saving another drivers life when a driver with a .27 BAC hit Kotfila head on.



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2. Binge drinking or excessive alcohol consumption is responsible for 88,000 deaths in our nation.
3. Alcohol related deaths rank 3rd for preventable deaths behind obesity and cigarette smoking.
4. **ONLY 18 states** allow hard-liquor to be sold inside grocery stores. ([National Alcohol Beverage Control Association](#))
 - a. **Unrestricted:** California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, South & North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, West Virginia, Maine, Washington D.C., Hawaii, Missouri, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Louisiana
 - b. **With restrictions:** Florida, Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Wyoming, Washington
 - c. **Beer Only:** Utah, Minnesota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Connecticut
 - d. **Beer and Wine:** Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Indiana, New York, Maryland (grandfathered in liquor sales), New Hampshire
 - e. **NONE:** Alaska, Delaware, Rhode Island

Floridians do not want or need HB-81.

HB-81 takes away the added security system that separate stores provide with camera systems and ability to card everyone who enters their store **AND hard-liquor will be available 24/7.**

To make this scenario more realistic at some point he may get behind the wheel to drive.



Sincerely,
Teresa Miller
Community Substance Abuse Prevention Volunteer