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To: <u>Committees LEG</u>

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To whom it may concern,

I stand in opposition to privatizing our liquor stores!

Closing 40 government liquor stores and turning them over to private individuals is not "keeping rural Saskatchewan strong". Forty full time jobs that support families in rural Saskatchewan will be lost. 175 part time jobs that supplement our farming community is lost. There will be no replacement jobs! When the Co-op is awarded the license to sell liquor they will have enough staff.

Prices will increase the same as groceries do, selection will decrease due to the business owner having to pay for inventory.

Every liquor store made money, the numbers prove it. Every dime that the liquor stores made went into government coffers leaving no money for upkeep. When was the last time that the government left some revenue for renovations?

Why are you giving away a money making business? A business that has consistently returned money to the people of Saskatchewan, keeping our taxes lower and province out of debt!

Stop closing down rural Saskatchewan, some people still want to live here!

Respectfully submitted,

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Sent from my iPad