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We write to you today to voice our strong feelings against Privatization of SLGA. With the budget shortfall and the down turn in our economy it makes absolutely no sense to sell off liquor stores that are profitable to the province and provide decent paying jobs. The first 40 stores named to be closed and replaced by private stores will more than likely be absorbed by existing businesses and thus eliminating jobs in the rural areas. None of these stores are losing money, what is the basis for closing them? Please see attached.

How will the government make up for the shortfall in income from the loss of retail sales to the public? The government will not explain that, my local MLA said that they will simply raise the prices to the commercial permittees and franchisees. Thus the price to the consumer will go up. Simple business concepts make it clear that if you eliminate the retail side of the business you will lose income.

This is further explained by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

http://www.parklandinstitute.ca/a_profitable_brew

SLGA has profits of over \$200 million a year, every year over the last five years, and they have experienced a 23% increase of net profits to over a ¼ of a billion dollars in profit in 2014. ** as per Canadian Centre of Policy.

If what the government says is true, that people want longer hours and more selection, SLGA has the ability to do that. No small town store will carry more selection than what an SLGA outlet has the ability to handle. Visit the Moose Jaw SLGA outlet, a beautiful store with such a large selection, you wouldn't be able to buy the same bottle of wine every day in one year, possibly three or four. Friends from Alberta and Manitoba tell me they have to pick up products when they go through Moose Jaw that they can not get in their home provinces. As to pricing, the price of 24 beer in Alberta, is now \$10 higher than in Saskatchewan. That is because of the downturn in oil, the government has to make up the shortfall somehow. We will have the same thing happen here.

Privatization does not mean lower prices, it means profit goes in the private wallet. We have the best concept available, profits go back to the public coffers to support our way of life in Saskatchewan. I do not want to pay higher taxes while the corner liquor store is making profit.

Those profits go to pay for essential services; healthcare, policing, fire fighting, highways, education. We already are experiencing cuts to Education, lay offs are being felt all over the province, just since the recent budget.

Please do not privatize the SLGA, we need the funds and the decent jobs. These are hard working people who are well trained and knowledgeable in they're field. They are socially conscious and take responsibility when minors attempt purchasing. We need people like this, not minimum wage earners that don't care who they sell to, or owners that just have to make that sale to day to pay their expenses.

No small owner will train their staff to understand the products they sell.

In closing, We feel that if you allow Privatization of SLGA,, it will be the beginning of the end to the Saskatchewan we Love.

Respectfully

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If you wanted more response to this request for input. The request should of been more public. In this day and age more has to be done in social media. Unless of course lack of response is what was wanted.

SLGA Public Liquor Stores the Sask Party Govt is giving away

Location	Net Income 2014	Leased/Owned (Build date)	Operating Costs (5-year average)
Saskatoon 20th Street	\$863,770.00	Leased	20.01%
Gull Lake	\$265,977.00	Owned (1978)	18.97%
Foam Lake	\$390,966.00	Owned (1981)	18.69%
Leader	\$252,378.00	Owned (1979)	17.83%
Wilkie	\$326,181.00	Owned (1979)	17.52%
Lanigan	\$376,168.00	Leased	17.26%
Waskesiu	\$444,818.00	Leased	16.96%
Kelvington	\$456,725.00	Owned (1977)	16.85%
Stoughton	\$384,889.00	Leased	16.46%
Gravelbourg	\$496,444.00	Owned (2003)	15.85%
Carrot River	\$305,005.00	Leased	15.57%
Watson	\$435,072.00	Owned (1981)	15.21%
Kipling	\$456,356.00	Owned (1953)	14.94%
Regina Broad Street	\$1,703,384.00	Owned (1982)	14.93%
Hudson Bay	\$560,206.00	Owned (1977)	14.59%
Wadena	\$612,941.00	Owned (1981)	14.43%
Broadview	\$358,627.00	Owned (1958)	14.12%
Davidson	\$377,010.00	Owned (1960)	14.04%
Indian Head	\$639,262.00	Leased	14.00%
Raymore	\$460,869.00	Leased	13.77%
Outlook	\$685,740.00	Leased	13.69%
Melfort	\$2,271,447.00	Leased	13.40%
Shaunavon	\$703,079.00	Owned (1980)	13.27%
Preeceville	\$514,812.00	Owned (1980)	13.26%
Rosthern	\$572,694.00	Leased	13.07%
St. Walburg	\$472,216.00	Owned (1978)	12.77%
Wakaw	\$498,856.00	Owned (1980)	12.66%
Maple Creek	\$699,313.00	Owned (1980)	12.55%
Battleford	\$786,673.00	Leased	12.45%
Unity	\$715,852.00	Owned (1979)	12.39%
Lloydminster	\$704,217.00	Owned (1979)	12.36%
Tisdale	\$1,129,339.00	Owned (1978)	12.34%
Kindersley	\$2,102,301.00	Owned (2005)	12.22%
Wynyard	\$670,376.00	Owned (1980)	12.17%
Rosetown	\$866,644.00	Owned (1981)	11.95%
Shellbrook	\$719,872.00	Owned (1982)	11.86%
Kamsack	\$836,028.00	Owned (1980)	11.52%
Melville	\$1,210,384.00	Owned (1979)	11.42%
Canora	\$826,101.00	Owned (1980)	11.16%
Saskatoon Market Mall	\$5,479,474.00	Leased	10.40%
	\$32,632,466.00		

