

Let Arkansas Decide

AN OPEN LETTER FROM BARRY SELLERS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SHERWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. PLEASE SHARE! #Truth

To All,

I am an imperfect but Christian Conservative who attends Church every Sunday morning. Most of my families are members of the Church of Christ, a Baptist church, or other Evangelical house of worship. I rarely have had alcoholic beverages as an adult, do not drink today, and have been a designated driver for many years. My Sister was a non drinking passenger killed in an automobile accident and My Father was a non smoker who died of lung disease. I have worked with non profits all over the country. I respect and appreciate those that think that they are doing the right thing by opposing this on religious principals. But it seems peculiar to support businesses outside of your communities instead of those inside it. Politics do make strange bed fellows indeed. Having said all of that, I ask you to Vote For Amendment 4 on November 4th. Why would I vote for the Alcoholic Beverage Amendment also known as Let Arkansas Decide and encourage everybody else to as well? Because it is about Local Jobs, Local Taxes, Local Convenience, and yes that is Business, Economic, and Community Development. If you eat at a restaurant in another town that serves but don't want one in your own town then that seems to be reverse hypocritical. If you do not drink in Tennessee, Missouri, or other States then you don't have to drink in Arkansas either. It is an Adult and legal choice and decision not to be taken lightly and should be done of course in safe moderation. The opposition wants to keep it like it is, a monopoly, where very few get to benefit financially from it and I don't blame them. They are spending millions of dollars to not allow freedom, competition, and better prices. The patchwork of so called private clubs, charitable entities, and other loop holes are ridiculous, confusing, and are set up to make it almost impossible to even get an election on a ballot let alone give you your constitutional right to vote on it. For any other issue from marijuana, gambling, minimum wage, and any others, you only need a fraction of the signatures that you do for this one issue. Many of their advertisements are at the very least misleading if not totally untrue. No package store is going to be next door to a Church or School. Studies show that there are more DWI, DUI, and related accidents in dry counties than in wet due to distance. You will still have local control through planning, zoning, and coding. A good example would be that Pulaski County is wet, Sherwood City is wet, but a portion of it is dry due to an old non existent township. This has hurt business growth to the North because they would like to have the same products to sell and serve that are in the other locations. South of the line is packed with businesses while the North is not. This is not a Republican or Democrat, a Red Wolves or Razorbacks, or even a good and bad issue. This is a right to vote for more Local jobs, Local taxes, and Local convenience, Local. Please vote FOR Amendment 4.

Regards,

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