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Ms. Tracey Genesen
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Re. References to National Conference of State Legislatures

Dear Ms. Genesen:

It has come to my attention that your firm has again represented to a federal court that the National Conference of State Legislatures has passed/endorsed/supported your clients model bill on wine direct shipping.

I write to request that you cease using the name of NCSL to "support" your clients model bill. This model bill was not passed by the NCSL according to our by-laws. It was a position taken by a Task Force, but never adopted by NCSL. It is not an official NCSL position. The only official position I am aware of by NCSL in this area is this resolution supporting the rights of states to set their own policy on alcohol, "Nothing in this policy statement is to be construed as limiting or affecting the right of any state to regulate alcohol according to its local norms and standards pursuant to the 21st Amendment."

I am hopeful you will represent this correctly in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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