

# LOUISIANA RETAILERS ASSOCIATION

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Mayor **Mayson** Foster &  
Hammond City Council  
P.O. Box 2788  
Hammond, LA 70404

Dear Mayor Foster and City Councilmen:

The Louisiana Retailers Association and its members operating in Hammond were disappointed that the Sunday alcohol sales matter was not introduced at the July 2 Council Meeting. We are writing to ask you to reconsider the decision not to introduce this matter.

The current law concerning Sunday sales in Hammond is confusing and problematic to residents, retailers and visitors of Hammond. **Tangipahoa** Parish prohibits sales only from **2:00am** until **6:00am** daily. The ordinance was revised in 2010 to allow sales on Sundays. Customers realize that they can shop at stores outside the city limits and purchase alcohol on Sundays. This practice is hurting retailers and Hammond is losing sales tax revenue.

We ask you to consider revising the ordinance to enable the sale of alcohol on Sundays, using the same hours that are permitted within Hammond on Mondays through Saturdays. Revising the ordinance will allow Hammond citizens to make their desired purchases on Sunday and prevent this revenue from moving right outside of the city limits. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn B. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dawn B. Johnson, Executive Director  
Louisiana Retailers Association