

The latest in his well-orchestrated charade, the SEA president's statement is designed to distort the facts, question the integrity of the Attorney General's office and distract from the growing employee unrest with SEA leadership. NHLC's position has been public for quite some time. A copy of the NHLC response memo is attached. Specifically, we would like to address three points:

First, prior to the Keene "sting operation" initiated by the president of the union, we met with members of SEA leadership and their legal counsel to request input on changes to the large volume sales policy. To this day, we have not received a response.

Second, NHLC follows all federal laws and IRS regulations. Our employees will not be put in the position of questioning each out of state customer to determine what they will do with their purchased product. It is the individual customers' responsibility to comply with their local laws if they bring that alcohol home with them.

Third, the safety of our store personnel is paramount. Multiple security enhancements have been made for our stores and we are continuing to improve store security – including implementing smart safes with armored deposit transport.

By its words and actions, the SEA leadership continues to drive an agenda that is unproductive and potentially damaging to the brand, our employees and the State of New Hampshire.

The Attorney General is actively reviewing this matter and we look forward to that report.

- The New Hampshire Liquor Commission