

The New Hampshire Liquor Commission is committed to following state and federal laws and we have an 85-year track record of doing just that. Well-before receiving the accusations from Councilor Volinsky, we had begun investigating the matter and our initial findings are deeply concerning. We observed Councilor Volinsky and union head Rich Gulla violate a variety of NHLC policies in what can only be described as an attempt to profile our customers, place their personal data at risk, and politicize the NHLC.

Among those infractions included violating policies set to protect the security of our store, privacy of our customers and integrity of our inventory. More awkward and alarming was the three hours of video footage of the Councilor lurking around the interior, exterior and backroom of the store, and curious attempts to conceal his identity during his "sting operation." Also disconcerting are the photos he provides of our customers and their license plates.

There's nothing illegal or unscrupulous about making large sales to out of state customers as long as our employees follow the policies in place set forth by the State and federal government.

What we find disheartening is that a political figure, who happens to be an attorney, and the head of a union, who happens to be a 20-year NHLC employee, allowed or pressured a long-tenured manager to continue with the sale, when they knew of the potential personnel actions that could be taken against an employee in violation of these policies.

Our prices, selection and service are one of the many reasons more than 11 million customers from around the world spent \$700 million with us last year. We welcome all customers, no matter where they live, to shop at our 80 NH Liquor & Wine Outlet locations.

The NHLC is not a political entity nor should it be treated as a political football. We are here as businesspeople to serve the State and raise critical revenue. Anything that takes away from our mission hurts our business and ultimately harms the citizens of New Hampshire.

-The New Hampshire Liquor Commission