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## **OREGON PARTNERSHIP WARNS OF MAJOR CONSEQUENCES IF BURGERVILLE ALLOWED TO SELL BEER AND WINE**

(Portland, Oregon) Oregon Partnership believes there are red flags all over the decision by a Burgerville restaurant in Clark County, Washington to apply for a state liquor license so it can begin serving beer and wine.

“As a non-profit involved in the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse, we hope this isn’t the start of a trend,” said Pete Schulberg, Oregon Partnership’s Communication Director. “Fast food restaurants are filled with young customers and young employees. That’s a mix you don’t want when you are considering the sale of alcohol.”

Oregon Partnership has expressed its concerns to Jeff Harvey, President and CEO of The Holland Inc, the Vancouver-based Burgerville’s parent company, and to the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

If the state liquor license application by Burgerville is approved, its new Salmon Creek restaurant could begin serving alcohol by next month. Harvey is reported as saying other restaurants in the 39-store chain could be applying for liquor licenses.

In Washington, 18-year olds can serve and take orders for alcohol.

“If this goes ahead, we’ll have teens serving beer and wine, which means more problems and potential dangers having to do with control, enforcement, and training issues,” added Schulberg.

Several local media polls have shown that respondents are overwhelmingly against Burgerville’s new menu items.