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## Senator Helming Statement on Repeal of Food with Alcohol Mandate, Also Calls for Immediate End to Curfew

"Finally, Senate Democrats have answered our call to repeal the Governor's arbitrary mandate requiring bar and restaurant patrons to purchase food with alcohol. This is something we've been fighting for over many months, alongside our local restaurant and bar owners and employees. It's a positive step, but we need to do much more.

The Governor said today the midnight curfew will be lifted for outdoor dining on May 17 and for indoor dining on May 31. That's not enough. We must end the curfew now, effective immediately, and let our bars and restaurants get back to business! I urge Senate Democrats to take a vote on our Senate Republican resolution to repeal the curfew.

We must also end the Governor's emergency powers, once and for all!"

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