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Center for Alcohol Policy Announces 2nd Annual Essay Contest

2009 Topic is "State Regulation of Alcohol is Important Because..."

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The Center for Alcohol Policy (CAP) is proud to announce the launch of its second annual national essay contest. The contest is intended to foster debate, analysis and examination of the effect of state alcohol regulation.

The theme of this year's contest is: *"State Regulation of Alcohol is important because..."*

Essays can focus on any aspect of state alcohol regulation including legal analysis, law enforcement perspective, tax collection, public health and other relevant topics. The top three winning entries will receive prizes of \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 respectively.

The deadline for submission is November 15, 2009, and winners will be announced in early December. For entry rules, essay guidelines and last year's winning essays, please visit www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org.

"For more than 75 years, alcohol has been effectively regulated in the U.S. by a state regulatory system guaranteed by the 21st Amendment," said CAP Advisory Council member and Cumberland School of Law Professor Brannon Denning. "This year's essay contest is intended to highlight and explore how state regulation of alcohol under the 21st Amendment has worked."

"As the nation debates causes of problems in areas ranging from financial services to food safety, this essay contest offers a unique opportunity to address the impact of state alcohol regulation on society and its role in protecting Americans," Denning continued.

While alcohol is enjoyed and consumed responsibly by a majority of Americans, alcohol is the only article of commerce with two separate constitutional amendments. As society addresses problems like alcohol abuse including underage drinking and drunk driving, the debate about maintaining effective alcohol regulation is critical.

The Center for Alcohol Policy, funded by America's beer distributors, seeks to raise public awareness on these unique qualities and regulations of alcohol.

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The Center for Alcohol Policy is a 501 c (3) organization whose mission is to educate policy makers, regulators and the public about alcohol, its uniqueness and regulation. By conducting sound and scientific-based research and implementing initiatives that will maintain the appropriate state-based regulation of alcohol, the Center promotes safe and responsible consumption, fights underage drinking and drunk driving and informs key entities about the effects of alcohol consumption. For more information, visit www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org.