



Statement on Seattle's Draft Beverage Tax Legislation Released Today

April 21, 2017 – Keep Seattle Livable for All is deeply disappointed that the City of Seattle has decided to move ahead with a planned tax on beverages.

Although Keep Seattle Livable for All is still reviewing the details of the proposal, the legislation targets not only sugar-sweetened beverages, energy and sports drinks, fruit drinks, sweetened teas and ready-to-drink coffee drinks, but also beverages with no sugar at all, and syrups used in many popular coffee drinks.

It's unfortunate that despite our efforts to engage the city leaders in a thoughtful discussion about our collective concerns, the city is determined to move ahead with a regressive tax that will substantially increase costs for consumers – in many cases doubling the price of these products.

Additionally, this unfair tax harms local businesses who are the backbone of the community, and are already struggling to make ends meet in the face of a multitude of taxes and the high cost of living in Seattle.