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**Topic:** Grocery Store Prioritization

When wine went into grocery stores, the Pueblo Liquor Group sent a letter to all distributors expressing our concerns about the reliability of delivery. It is no secret there is a shortage of drivers and these additional stops would put challenges on the ability to deliver to independents. We were assured no priority would be given to the grocery stores. However once again, before a holiday, independent stores were notified ONE HOUR before delivery time that their trucks were being held, however ALBERTSONS was able to get their truck on time with no issues. This group should consider a way to ensure chains do not get this kind of preferential treatment. Employees are scheduled to work out a truck today, not tomorrow. This continued preferential treatment has another negative monetary effect on independent retailers. Please consider a resolution. Thank you.