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Here's what's happened to communities in Alberta:

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- In Calgary, the number of liquor stores jumped 620%. Criminal offences at liquor stores increased by a factor of five, while crime against persons increased more than 12-fold. A Calgary Police Services report also notes the degradation of both residential and commercial areas caused by the proliferation of private liquor outlets.

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liquor stores. An Edmonton TV station conducted its own study and found that three out of four private stores sold liquor to a minor.

B.C. Liquor Stores serve us well. Experienced, responsible staff are vigilant about refusing to sell to underage or intoxicated customers. There's no need for a huge increase in liquor outlets and the problems they bring.

*A liquor store on every corner.
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