

**Testimony of Tim Devanney, President Highland Park Market, Before General Law Committee in Regards to RB6264  
Tuesday, February 8, 2011**

**Good Morning Chariman Taborsak, Chairmain Doyle and members of the General Law Committee. My name is Tim Devanney and I am President of Highland Park Market, an independent grocery store with 4 locations circling Hartford.**

**I am here this morning to discuss my strong support for the Senate Bill 084 and to help end the antiquated blue law prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays, the busiest shopping day of the week.**

**According to a recent study, it was found that Connecticut could raise approximately 8 million dollars in new revenue if the Senate Bill 084 moves forward and passes. This number cannot be ignored in such economic times.**

**Our company has only one grocery beer permit while the other 3 stores have a package store right next door. We have respected them enough that we have not applied for a permit. Our concern is that when people drive to Massachusetts to do their beer, wine and spirits shopping, they may also do their grocery shopping. How much revenue are we losing to our neighboring state? In our Manchester store, the only location with a beer permit, we have customers constantly asking why we can't sell product that is on our shelves and will this ever change?**

**This year, Highland Park Market is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year in business. We have been able to o do this because of listening to what our customers want. We have, over the years, extended hours and made many changes to bring more convenience to our customers. Please consider this changing this legislation which was established during a totally different era.**

**Thanks for listening and for your attention.**

**Gratefully,**



**Timothy J. Devanney  
President, Highland Park Market**