

Dear Ms. Hayes,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

I have a small wine and spirits retail shop in Litchfield. It is very discouraging to not be allowed to sell on Sundays--actually, preposterous. Given how the State of Connecticut needs money, not allowing my industry to be open on one of the busiest days of the week is purely illogical. Allowing businesses to function is the key to our economic recovery...and the State makes more money! I am a family man who recognizes the importance of family time but I also realize how vital this is to our retail industry---the time is now. I would close another day--clearly Mondays and Tuesdays are slower in our business.

The word to consider here is : ***option***

It is truly amazing that in 2011 given the state of the economy that we would let money go over the border to neighboring states where residents will go to buy wine/spirits and beer on Sunday--and believe me, they do. All our surrounding states allow Sunday sales. Another arcane law that limits consumer choice. The few squawking package stores that don't want Sunday sales should not be making the choice for the thousands of residents in this State that do---is anyone asking them? It is this word **option** that is so important and American, a freedom of commerce. I have quite a few high profile attorneys for clients that deem this ludicrous law to be unconstitutional and everyone I talk to is in favor of Sunday sales. Decisions should be made for the masses, not the few, in this case.

We are fleeing as a state of industry and have marched toward a state of tourism. Given the beauty of CT it is no surprise, the real surprise is when people tour our State and they can't browse and support our many talented wine merchants. We also in our stores sell local wines and spirits which also helps the sales of the farming artisanal producers here in our state. We are turning our backs to millions of dollars? It is hard to imagine any recovery with policies like this in place.

I am available for further comment if need be.

Sincerely,

Christopher

***Christopher Jeans***  
*Casa Bacchus LLC*  
*41 West Street*  
*Litchfield, CT*