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Re: **Raised Bill No. 6267 - An Act Concerning the Sale of Wine With Gift Baskets.**

Dear Chairmen and Committee Members;

I am a true Connecticut based small businessman who is seeking equity and fairness. I own a florist/fruit basket company with six full and part time employees. My 40+ year old business must compete daily with out-of-state firms that can legally ship wine to Connecticut consumers while, due to present state law, I am prevented from doing so. While I am unsure exactly how much business I lose because of this circumstance, and scores of other Connecticut based businesses lose, I am sure that I can count at least one large Christmas order I lost this past holiday due to our laws. Ironically, that client was an employee of a major Connecticut based company located in Fairfield County.

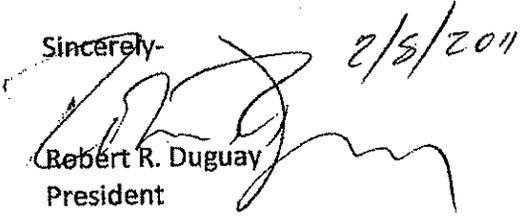
There are hundreds of small florist and gift basket shops in Connecticut that are discriminated against daily due to our archaic liquor laws which remain on our books from times gone by. Again, it is a matter of equity and fairness that we be treated in the same manner as are out-of-state firms.

Attached to this testimony are only three examples of non-Connecticut based firms that ship wine, with food items into Connecticut. I could have sent 50 examples. *Where is the justice?*

This is my fourth attempt in six years to have this legislation passed by our General Assembly. Obviously, all others have failed. I have fear that this proposed bill will be paired with the notion of Sunday openings and the sale of alcoholic beverages by liquor and other stores. I ask that you please judge this legislation on its merits and not group it with other contentious legislation. All florists and my other competitors want is a level playing field so that we are not discriminated against because we choose to do business here.

I respectfully request that all members of this committee support and pass this legislation as a basic matter of equity and fairness to all other florists and gift baskets companies in Connecticut and I will answer any questions you might have of me. Thank you.

Sincerely-

  
Robert R. Duguay  
President

2/5/2011

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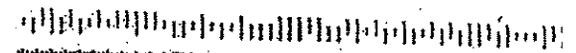
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To proceed to our Wine Club site, select the state you will be shipping to. You will be directed to our Wine Club site, where wine purchases are processed, sold and shipped separately. Please be sure to complete the rest of your Harry & David order before proceeding.

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Shipping

## Delivery Times

We apologize if you encountered shipping delays for some East Coast and Midwest states due to the blizzard. Please check your tracking numbers.

The delivery carrier (UPS or FedEx) will make up to 3 delivery attempts. You can expect your delivery in a few days, so please use an address where someone over 21 will be present to sign.

Search Our Wines

### STANDARD:

**NY and CA:** 2-3 Business Days  
**IL, CT, NJ :** 4-10 Business Days  
**Others:** 3-6 Business Days  
**AZ, TX:** Allow 1-2 weeks

### 2-DAY GUARANTEE:

This is the perfect shipping option to use for those last minute gifts, guests, or parties. Place your wine or gift order by 5 pm EST and it will ship the following business day. We're sorry but this service is not available in AZ, CT, IL, MA or NJ.

Orders Placed	1st Delivery Attempt
Friday - Sunday	Wednesday
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday

## Where We Ship

As a reminder, even if we do not ship to your state, you can still send a gift to eligible delivery states.

Send WINE to: AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, HI, IL, IN, IA, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, ND, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV and WY.

Send WINE BASKETS to: AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, HI, IL, IN, IA, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, ND, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV and WY. Send BASKETS to Georgia, Maine, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Washington.

## Shipping Restrictions

**RULE OF 6:** In order to offer **complimentary shipping**, we standardize our shipping to increments of six. On individual wine bottle orders you can order in any combination you choose; all of one wine, all different, as long as the total number of bottles equals 6, 12, 18 or so on. Any of our wine packs or gift baskets can ship separately.

**EXCEPTIONS:** There are shipping charges for the NHL Alumni Signature Wine Series. This program is a collaboration with the NHL Alumni Association, prestigious alumni, Ironstone Vineyards, Artemis Sports Group. These wines you can buy in any increment- the 6 bottle or pack restriction does not apply. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of each bottle goes to a charity of the players choice and the NHL Alumni Association's "Hockey's Greatest Family Fund."

**ZIP CODES:** In accordance with regulations for FL, NH, NC and TN, several zip codes and towns are listed below where we can not currently deliver.

**Florida:** 32008, 32059, 32060, 32064, 32066, 32321, 32331, 32340, 32425, 32427, 32428, 32437,