

Testimony of Salvatore "Chip" Cingari  
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In Support of

H.B. No. 6264 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPENSING OF  
ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ON SUNDAY.

Members of the General Law Committee, my name is Chip Cingari and I am the Owner of Three Sea's Liquor Store in Stamford. I wish that I could be before you to testify in person, but due to prior commitments I am unable to. I would like to voice my support of HB 6264 An Act Authorizing the Sale or Dispensing of Alcoholic Liquor on Sunday.

I strongly believe that every business owner should be able to make the decision when they should open or close based upon their customers. It is unfortunate that I am not able to do this. Because I own a package store, I am prohibited from opening and selling legal products on Sundays by CT law. I feel that this is not right.

The rent that I pay is for seven days a week, but I am prohibited from earning money to pay those expenses on Sundays. Sunday is one of the busiest shopping days of the week. My store is located across from a shopping plaza which is filled with people both days of the weekend. There is no doubt in my mind that if I were allowed to be open on Sunday, I would turn more of a profit. This would not only benefit me, but the five individuals I employ. If Sunday Sales became reality I feel I would hire two additional employees to help work the additional day.

Stamford is very close to the New York border and I am sure many consumers cross into our neighboring state and purchase alcohol on Sundays. This is very frustrating. Why should I lose out on business simply because the State won't allow it. Furthermore why should the State of Connecticut lose out on excise and sales tax on purchases that should have been made in our own State?

I urge you to pass HB 6264 and allow the sale of alcohol on Sundays for the convenience of consumers, but also for business people that want to work on days when the most customers are shopping. Any revenue that is captured from going across the borders or is newly made will only help with the large deficit we are facing. It is better to generate revenue and create more jobs than to further tax citizens and businesses. Allowing Sunday sales is a win for everyone. Thank you for your consideration.