



Honorable Hector Robles
Legislative Office Building
Room 4011
Hartford, CT
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2/16/12

Dear State Representative Robles;

We are a group of independent retailers in the Hartford area doing business under the C-Town and Bravo Supermarket banners.

As minority owned small business operators we face the constant struggle of cash flow, trying to be competitive and building our business.

Over the years we have helped to stabilize areas in the inner city by opening our stores. We have provided entry level jobs to those in our community, provided quality food and contributed significant tax dollars to the State.

Business has been difficult for the last two years especially in our business. Besides the competitive issues we face, we are surrounded by States that offer the sale of beer on Sunday.

Our strongest sales are on the weekends. When we cannot offer beer to our consumers, many take the short ride to Massachusetts for this product and the rest of their groceries. Sunday sales which should be as strong as Saturday are off every week 4 – 6%. In a low margin business this is significant.

We respectfully request that you seriously consider removing the ban on Sunday beer sales as almost every other state in the Union has done.

In today's business climate we have to work hard but should not have obstacles placed in front of us by the State that hurts our business, takes sales out of state and reduces tax income to Connecticut.

As you can see by our addresses we are all local. We will gladly discuss this issue with you further if necessary so you can understand how adversely affected we are by this ban.

Sincerely;

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