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Testimony of Lori J. Pelletier  
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Good afternoon Senator Doyle and Representative Taborsak, and members of the General Law committee. My name is Lori Pelletier and I serve as the Secretary -Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO, and I am here to testify on behalf of our 900 affiliated local unions who represent over 200,000 union members from all 169 cities and towns.

H.B. No. 5021 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPETITIVE ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PRICING AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR PERMITTEES.

We support this proposed legislation. Our members proudly work in the retail and grocery industry, and their job security is tied to the success of those who employ them, and those employers believe this is good for their business and we have no reason to dispute that claim. It used to be people bragged about having "banker's hours", well I don't know about you but banks are pretty much open seven days a week, and yes even on Sundays. Nail and hair salons, restaurants, drycleaners, coffee shops which are mostly small "mom and pop" businesses are open on Sundays, pharmacies, the aforementioned banks, car washes, and so on are all open on Sunday. Connecticut is losing revenue to neighboring states because of our prohibition on Sunday sales, and now is the time to close this chapter of our history that is clearly outdated.

Again on behalf of our affiliates and their members we thank the committee for holding this public hearing and if you have any questions I would be happy to answer them.



Lori J. Pelletier, Secretary-Treasurer

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