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To whom it may concern,

I am a liquor store owner in Southbury, CT. I employ and support myself and my 3 sons. I have lived and worked in the state of Connecticut for 30 years. We are opposed to house bill 5021. We are in a town that already has seven (7) liquor stores, and three (3) Grocery stores (selling beer). It is evident, this bill has been conceived and tailored to and for the "big box" stores, many of whom are corporately based out of state. In effect, this bill will essentially allow all proposed revenue gained to make its way out of the state. In addition to severely threatening the livelihood of my small business, it is estimated, this bill could put 7,000 people out of a job. It is the small local business that is going to pull our state out of this recession, not the out of state conglomerates. Governor Dan Malloy is not pro small business, this bill is not pro small business, please consider the negative effects this bill is poised to cause, they vastly out weigh the proposed benefits. I ask you to stand for what is right Vote no to bill 5021. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maria Paterno

Permittee/Owner

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