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Opposition to Bill #5021

To the Members of the General Law Committee

I strongly disagree with any part of this bill. My husband is 57 years old and has owned his own liquor store for 32 years. He is without a doubt, the hardest working man I know. He has weathered all the challenges of owning a small business and thankfully has survived. With this proposed bill I fear for our future as well as many other mom and pop stores across the state. Most of the owners are self run and rarely have time to enjoy family life with the exception of Sundays. Now the State is looking to pass a bill that threatened our existence as well as tear apart the family life. Sundays!! This is ridiculous!! We do not need another day that alcohol will be sold. I am sure by now you have observed that consumers will only spread out the sales from Saturday to Sunday. We have strong family values and have made many sacrifices to keep it that way. By making Sunday a day in which we can all gather together as a family, practice our faith and catch up on life. In turn it has given my family stronger values, morals and has helped our three children now all grown to become caring, admired citizens. Soon expecting our first grandchild these values will be carried on. Family values have always been promoted in this great state of Connecticut, now again, it is threatened. I am proud to be a fan of Blue Laws, yes I take pride that Connecticut does not allow alcohol sales on Sunday. Call me Old School, yes, but I do not believe any change in the liquor laws will generate any more revenue. And shame on you Connecticut if you show the young greed is more important than values. But, unfortunately the family life is again being threatened with Sunday sales. Yes, I have heard that the business owner does not have to open, but these words only come from those who first hand do not know how small mom and pop stores are run. They have to compete, that is our only survival. We in Danbury are a border town and do not feel threatened by Sunday sales in New York. We specialize in customer service that there is no need to cross the border for significant buying. Again the small mom and pop are servicing the consumer with personal service. Consumers do not feel the need to go any where else or choose to be just another face in an unfamiliar store.

I now fear for our future. How will we provide for ourselves as well as our family if this Bill is passed? We have only one income from our store and we only have experience in this field. If this bill is passed we along with many others will be unemployed. Is the state ready for the ripple effect to take place in Connecticut? From what I hear NO. Seriously, who will employ us? No experience in other fields, 57 years of age not exactly the age employers are looking for.

I am asking you to look intently at we the people, who have devoted our livelihood to our small mom and pop business, not to pass any part of this bill.

Thank you for your support.

Marion Samaha
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