



## Proposed Liquor Legislation – OPPOSED

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To: General Law Committee Members

From: Mauricio & Kimberly Zapata  
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Dear Sirs/Madam:

**SUNDAY SALES WILL NOT KILL OUR BUSINESS BUT THE REST OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL!**

We opened our small liquor store 1 ½ yrs. ago and you can definitely call us a "Mom & Pop Store". It has been a struggle for our family to make our American dream become a reality, but it is the most rewarding experience to be your own boss and create an atmosphere that customers enjoy.

Please rethink your actions and what it will do to the thousands of people that are currently employed in the liquor industry.

If you pass this bill, you will be:

- 1) Eliminating hundreds of liquor stores and thousands of jobs in Connecticut.
- 2) The medallion system will only benefit "Big-Box" Stores ,thus, abolishing small businesses which makes Connecticut strong.
- 3) Removing posted-bottle will again, only benefit "Big-Box" stores that have deep pockets.
- 4) Extending the sale of liquor hours only invites crime to arise.

Thank you for listening to our concerns. We are very worried about our future and the future of so many other people that Governor Malloy can change... just by listening to the wrong people. Please remember, Big-Box stores are not the answer.

Sincerely,

Mauricio & Kimberly Zapata  
Owner's of LaBella's Fine Wine & Spirits, LLC