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Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

Good Morning. My name is Tim Devanney. I am President of four of five Highland Park Markets. My sister and brother-in-law own the fifth. I came before you last year to ask you to consider Sunday Sales of Liquor in Connecticut. At that time, there were three states living in the Dark Ages. Today, there are only two. Highland Park Markets celebrated their 125th year in business last year. We have been around so long due to three major reasons:

1. Quality of our products.
2. Services that we provide to our customers.
3. Listening to our customers.

We have been asked many times by our customers, "Do you think we will ever be able to buy beer on Sundays?" Of our four stores, we have only one Grocery Beer Permit. We have common walls with 2 package stores and a wooden outside canopy to another. We respect our neighbors, and as a result, have not applied to the State at those locations. We also respect the Governor and his program which will make huge changes to the liquor laws in Connecticut. I really would be happy just being able to satisfy my customers looking to buy beer on Super Bowl Sunday and Holidays.

Thank you for your time.


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