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Opposed to Bill 5021

An Act Concerning Competitive Alcohol Liquor Pricing & Hours of Operation for Permittees

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I am writing to express my concerns over the proposed changes to Connecticut's existing liquor laws as written in Governor Malloy's House Bill 5021.

I feel that the outcome of this bill should it pass, will have a negative effect on the small and mid-sized stores in Connecticut.

I am employed by a small retail store where my main job description is the ordering of all products that we carry. I have been in this position for four years and it scares me to think of the consequences of quantity discounting and the elimination of minimum bottle pricing. I deal with purchasing and pricing every day and I cannot see how we can stay competitive should we lose the last remaining protection we have.

I also feel that what I have heard about lower pricing to consumers is absolutely not going to happen. It will happen on certain items that are already non competitive and it will negatively effect choice.

Of paramount importance to me is retention of my job. Please consider the effects of these important items before voting.

thank you for your time
Rick

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