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H.B. No. 5099 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CATERER, BREW PUB MANUFACTURER AND BEER AND BREW PUB MANUFACTURER ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMITS. (GL)

2/18/14

Dear General Law Committee Members:

As the owner and brewer of the Willimantic Brewing Company LLC in downtown Willimantic, I am asking you to consider amending the Catering liquor permit. Bill H.B 5099 proposes to allow Brewpubs and Brewpub Manufacturers to hold a caterers permit.

This would enable my business to offer our products outside of our premises, like other restaurants can currently do, for events where we are asked to provide prepared food and our fresh brewed beers. We are very community oriented and we are often asked to "cater" an off site event for the local Chamber of Commerce, galleries, museums, and fund raisers. At this time we just drop off the prepared food and are unable to serve or sell our beer.

As a destination brewpub we are also limited in our abilities to generate more sales without patrons visiting our establishment, H.B 5099 will allow us to take our great food and beers to other venues and generate additional revenues.

I appreciate the time you are taking to consider this bill and if you require any additional information please feel free to call my cell phone 860-465-6352.

Thank you,

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