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Senator Doyle, Representative Baram, and members of the General Law Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to your committee.

We are writing in support of **HB 5099**, An Act Concerning Caterer, Brew Pub Manufacturer and Beer and Brew Pub Manufacturer Alcoholic Liquor Permits.

We support this bill because it enables brew pubs, such as the Willimantic Brewing Company which resides in our district, to offer the same catering services as restaurants. The bill will allow similar establishments to offer their products outside of their premises. Currently, they are limited to the delivery of food despite requests for catering service and off-site beer sales.

The Willimantic Brewing Company is a model brew pub, offering a rounded menu and dining room. In addition, they are community-minded and frequently work with local organizations - contributing to the vibrancy and economy of our town. The only distinction that separates this brew pub from a restaurant is that they craft their own line of beer and HB 5099 expands their ability to serve its patrons.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Susan Johnson in black ink.

Rep. Susan Johnson
49th District

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Rep. Linda Orange
48th District