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*Testimony by Representative Larry Miller
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Good Afternoon Chairmen Doyle and Baram, Ranking Members Witkos and Carter, and members of the General Law Committee. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity today to testify in favor of HB 5426, AN ACT CONCERNING FREE WINE TASTINGS ON PREMISES WHERE WINE KITS ARE SOLD.

I have become familiar with this segment of the industry of producing wine from kits and its growth in the community. HB 5426 will give flexibility to the producer to market its inventory of wine kits to the consumer and provide the consumer options in sampling the product. Allowing "micro-wineries" to provide a taste of wine to a potential customer before they make a commitment to purchase will greatly improve the opportunity to sell wine kits and encourage the growth of this industry. This is a pro-business bill.

Thank you for holding this hearing on HB 5426, I wish to express my support of the bill and ask the committee's favorable action.

Sincerely,

Rep. Larry Miller