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**TESTIMONY**  
**IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5770**  
**AN ACT REQUIRING BREWERIES AND WINERIES TO PROVIDE**  
**NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ALTERNATIVES.**

General Law Committee  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Honorable Co-Chairs Senator Leone and Representative Baram, Honorable Vice-Chairs Senator Larson and Representative Kiner, Ranking Members Senator Witkos and Representative Carter, members of the General Law Committee.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 5770, An Act Requiring Breweries and Wineries to Provide Nonalcoholic Beverage Alternatives.

The proposed legislation came about when a colleague was attending an event at a local brewery and was unable to obtain a non-alcoholic beverage. Upon looking into it I was unable to find any law or regulation that requires permittees that serve alcohol to provide or sell nonalcoholic drinks.

In 2014, the General Law Committee raised and held a public hearing on HB 5097 (AA Requiring Free Water at Certain Liquor Permit Premises). The bill would have required "brew pub," "beer and brew pub," "café," "club," and "tavern" permittees to provide free potable water to anyone on the premises who requests water. It also required the water to be served in a container that allows individual consumption and be at least 12 ounces per serving.

I believe this to be a matter of public safety and not one to add a burden on small businesses. Providing non-alcoholic beverage options either for sale or for free will instill in a commercial establishment a sense of responsibility towards their clientele.

I support House Bill 5770 and thank the Committee for its time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Fox".

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