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Testimony in Support of Proposed HB 5033

An Act Allowing Cider Manufacturers To Offer Free Tastings On Permit Premises.

General Law Committee

February 19, 2015

Chairmen Leone and Baram, Ranking Members Witkos and Carter, and members of the General Law Committee. I would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to testify in support of Proposed **HB 5033 An Act Allowing Cider Manufacturers To Offer Free Tastings On Permit Premises.**

I submitted a similar proposal to this Committee that proposes to amend subsection (c) of Section 30-16 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Allowing Cider Manufacturers to offer free samples that hold a manufacturer permit will bring parity to other industries as beer and farm wineries that are able currently to offer free tastings on premises.

This minor change to the statute will help our local businesses that use Connecticut grown apples to produce Cider.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Yaccarino