

The Connecticut Small Brand Council Inc.



To preserve, encourage and expand a vast wine, beer and spirits product selection for Connecticut consumers in the marketplace while also growing jobs.

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The Connecticut Small Brand Council (CSBC) is an association that fosters a stronger relationship within the existing three tiered system and the consumer and smaller brand products. CSBC's membership includes small manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of alcohol that want to expand the already vast selection of wine, beer and spirit products in Connecticut while also increasing the jobs that these small businesses provide to the framework of the Connecticut economy. The CSBC is an advocate for those companies that create the product, ship it and the consumer that buys it.

We support SB 977 CONCERNING CRAFT MANUFACTURERS OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

We support the idea of a consumer able to purchase a small amount of product from these facilities as some of our members are a fast growing segment of the alcohol beverage industry. Package stores and small manufacturers are natural allies in the business as the large network of package stores in CT is a great sales force for craft distillers. Our members worked with the other stakeholders prior to the legislative session and crafted, and agreed, on the best language possible. We think we found that and urge its passage.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

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