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Statement from Connecticut Package Stores Association Re: S.B. No. 384

The association is opposed to adding an additional amount to a bottle of alcohol or wine.

We feel the price of a bottle in Connecticut is much higher than any other surrounding state for various tax reasons.

Adding an additional amount would put us in a more disadvantaged competitive position.

We suggest DEEP negotiate with the product manufacturers to develop a product stewardship program since the companies are making substantial profits in recent years. It may be easier to deal directly with the manufacturer or the Distilled Spirit Council of the United States, to gain success in such an effort.

Thank you.

Stephen Downes
President