

DIAGEO

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILLS 5323 & 5329

ACTS REQUIRING COMMON CARRIERS TO REPORT THE TRANSPORTATION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR INTO THE STATE

AND

EXPANDING SUNDAY ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR RESTAURANT SALES HOUR

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Good afternoon, Senator Leone, Representative Baram and members of the General Law Committee. My name is Dwayne Kratt and I am the senior director for state government affairs at Diageo. I work with more than 600 colleagues at our North American headquarters which is located in Norwalk, CT. Diageo is a leading player in the alcohol beverage industry with premium brands in the beer and spirits categories.

I apologize that I am not able to attend today's hearing due to a scheduling conflict but I submit this testimony in support of House Bills 5323 and 5329, legislation requiring common carriers to report the transportation of alcoholic liquor into the state and expanding the Sunday alcoholic liquor restaurant sales hour.

Support for HB 5323:

Primarily advocated by our wine and spirits association business partners, we are pleased to support them and this initiative. The act preserves our current three-tier system while also providing the Department of Revenue Services additional tools to ensure that all appropriate taxes associated with the direct shipment of alcohol into the state are collected.