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Honorable Bartolomeo:

My family and I have owned Ye Corner Spirits for the last 28 years. Each recent year there has been a new assault on our neighborhood business. It started with increasing the hours and then the days of operations and increasing the number of permits a person could own, all of which didn't have the intended results, and only benefited the chain stores. (It in fact increased our cost of operating with no increase in sales.) Now it has been proposed to eliminate the bottle minimum law. Once again, this will only help the chain stores and hurt the little neighborhood stores. We got into this business thinking we'd have a secure future, as this store is just around the corner from where I grew up and from where my parents still live.

Please don't support this bill. I implore you to preserve some small businesses, so that we don't disappear like neighborhood Pharmacies, Hardware Stores, and the Local Department Stores. This bill spells the end of small businesses like mine and jobs for many people.

Thank you for your time and efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,
Pete Godburn