

Dear Representative D'Agostino, Senator Leone, Senator Witkos, Representative Smith, and distinguished members of the General Law Committee:

My name is Zack Adams and my wife Laura and I own and operate Fox Farm Brewery in Salem. We had hoped to attend the public hearing but regretfully could not be present due to a family emergency. I would like to provide this written support of H.B. 5036 – An Act Promoting Craft Breweries and Distilleries and Price Fairness.

As brewery owners we're particularly concerned about the 9L limit imposed on the off-premise retail of our beer. We started Fox Farm on a defunct dairy farm, revitalizing a long-neglected barn and property while preserving and contributing to the rural heritage of Salem. Together with our incredible employees we work tirelessly to create a quality product sold in a unique, welcoming environment. As a result, we've been fortunate to realize a loyal following of CT-residents and out-of-staters traveling to our small town to purchase a locally-crafted product and support other small businesses. The law, as it is currently written, unnecessarily limits the service we're able to provide these visitors and hampers our ability to grow and succeed.

The State of Connecticut prides itself on being business-friendly. Removing the 9L limit placed on local brewers is an obvious step to take that will not only support existing breweries and their consumers but make the State as a whole more competitive relative to its neighbors.

Thank You,
Zack Adams
Co-Owner / Brewer
Fox Farm Brewery