

Dear Representative Somers and distinguished members of the General Law Committee: I am submitting written testimony in support of H.B. 5036 – An Act Promoting Craft Breweries and Distilleries and Price Fairness.

In recent years, I have grown to adore craft beer. Allowing the State to increase the amount of beer that a brewery is allowed to sell would dramatically change our progression for this great state.

We pride ourselves on “Buy Local” and allowing this increase would help these small-town breweries thrive and would further help our economy. I can go to a package store and/or a winery and have no limit, but why do we have to have a limit on craft beer?

With all the businesses that have and or are leaving Connecticut, this would be a great way to draw in new business as well as new revenue. This is also a way to create new jobs.

Thank you for your time.

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