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Subject: In Support of House Bill 5036

Dear Representative D'Agostino, Senator Leone, Senator Witkos, Representative Smith, and distinguished members of the General Law Committee. My name is Shawn Cote. I am submitting written testimony in support of H.B. 5036 – An Act Promoting Craft Breweries and Distilleries and Price Fairness. As a resident of the State of Connecticut I want to thank you for the opportunity to voice my support of House Bill 5036.

The part of the Bill most important to me is the removal of the nine-liter retail limit imposed upon state manufacturers of beer. The rule does nothing to benefit the consumer and is archaic. I should be able to buy a large quantity of beer at a brewery for a party or event I'm having without having to bring someone along with me (commonly referred to as a "mule"). The alternative of going to a package store, where the beer is often not as fresh and the prices are inflated is becoming less and less appealing. Many of the sought after beers are specifically made to be enjoyed as fresh as possible, and the best way to make that happen is by allowing us consumers to purchase as much as we want directly from the breweries themselves.

Thanks for your time!

Shawn

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