

Dear Representative D'Agostino, Senator Leone, Senator Witkos, Representative Smith, and distinguished members of the General Law Committee. My name is Precious Putnam and I am in support of House Bill No. 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.

My husband and I own The Beer'd Brewing Co. in Stonington, CT. We self-financed our brewery back in 2012. As two college graduates, when we started our business, we realized that loans would not be a less than ideal way to turn a hobby into the business due to the restricting and arbitrary laws. With the help of friends and family, we built our own brewery by hand, and nothing fancy. In year one, we could only sell for off-site consumption, and of course, only 8 liters. With the help from Two Roads Brewing Co., we were able to start selling for on-site consumption which grew our business quicker than we had expected. We were excited to see Connecticut start to change their laws for the small independent businesses.

But now I stand here today, wondering why we still have the 9 liters law.

**I kindly ask- who does this law protect?**

Not the small independent breweries that are manufactures of the product.

Not the small local breweries that create skilled labor jobs.

...and not the consumers that CT is supposed to represent.

**Today- I ask you WHAT IF we had #NoLimits**

No Limits would be more growth for small independent manufactures.

No Limits would be more jobs for CT!

No Limits would be an even playing field for our in-state breweries with surrounding states.

No Limits would be more tax revenue for a state that desperately needs it.

No Limits would mean CT SUPPORTS SMALL INDEPENDENT BREWERIES!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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