

Dear Madam Chairperson:

I am writing today in support of H.B. 5036 – An Act Promoting Craft Breweries and Distilleries and Price Fairness. As a resident and brewery owner of the State Of Connecticut I want to thank you for the opportunity to voice my support of House Bill 5036.

This Assembly has had the wisdom to pass several bills encouraging growth in the craft beer sector, and enabling us to remain competitive with breweries in neighboring states. Each time you pass a bill like H. B. 5036, small businesses pop up in the wake. Not just breweries, but hopyards to supply the hops, cattle farmers to absorb the spent grain, and most recently, Connecticut's first maltster.

Every brewery in Connecticut is a stone's throw from New York, Massachusetts or Rhode Island. All three of those states have been aggressively proactive in their support of craft beer. We cannot allow Connecticut to fall behind in this rapidly growing field. Please consider H. B. 5036 to help keep our industry competitive.

Thank you,

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