

Good evening,

I am writing regarding House Bill Number 5036 as I am unable to appear before the General Law Committee tomorrow. In Section 1 of Section 30-16, Part B of this bill, a 9 Liter Limit is introduced. It is my opinion that the 9 Liter Limit should absolutely be done away with. As a former craft beer professional in Connecticut and avid supporter of Connecticut's small businesses, I believe that this limit unfairly stifles the productivity and profitability of our breweries. In a market that is already dominated and dictated by massive corporations, stringent licensing laws, powerful lobbies, and a three-tier distribution system that often favors the big guy, it is time for change.

Connecticut's breweries are job creators, revenue boosters, and places for the community to come together. They provide major support for our local agriculture yet are held to a double standard under the current 9 Liter Limit when vineyards are not. Tomorrow, you will hear from many local breweries and even some from out of state. Those from state's that recently did away with the limit will attest to the great success they have found since this regulation was slashed. I urge you to listen to their stories and take them into consideration when making this important decision. We owe it to these small business owners to stop unfairly limiting their potential and allow them to reach the success every American business owner strives for.

Thank you for your time and consideration. #NoLimits!!!

In Solidarity,

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Student | Advocate | Speaker