

Good morning-

As North Stonington's First Selectman, I am doing my best to cope with the continued cuts in State funding on a year-to-year basis. One way we are trying to make due is by encouraging more business development in our rural community. We currently have a well known brewery from Massachusetts considering locating their operations here in town. This would be an incredible opportunity for the town and a great fit for the local area. Without this bill 5036 breweries like this are not likely to call Connecticut home.

Craft breweries are just like wineries. They are drawing more and more following each year. Sometimes the destination to these breweries is even more helpful to local economies than the sale of the products. As we look for ways to draw people into Connecticut rather than leaving the State, it makes perfect sense to encourage these companies to make Connecticut their home. Please support bill 5036.

Respectfully-

Mike Urgo

First Selectman

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