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To whom it may concern,

As a consumer and purchaser of Connecticut beer I am writing in support of House Bill 5036 to eliminate the 9 liter limit on beer purchased at breweries for off site consumption. This will give the producer and the consumer more freedom and result in more beer sales.

Thank you very much for your time. I hope this bill passes and we can begin to make the most out of a trip to Connecticut breweries.

Cheers.

P.S. On a more personal note, I am currently a part time employee at a Connecticut brewery. We have people who travel over state lines and not to mention from all over CT to visit our tap room, taste our beers and purchase bottles, cans or get growlers filled. It occasionally seems strange to them that they are then limited as to what they can take home and are almost always wishing they could have purchased more. **Breweries in CT have now grown to over 50.** These are small businesses with **CT employees**, helping to drive the local economy in more ways than one and are in my opinion quintessentially American. They should be allowed to cater to their customers needs like other states in New England and not be limited in what they can provide. Visiting a brewery is an experience, not just a purchase and as we all know, a trend that shows zero signs of slowing down. Sense of place and interacting directly with the brewers or other employees of these breweries is a much more memorable and personal experience than going to a liquor store that may not always cater to what the consumer is looking for.

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