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**From:** David Wollner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 1:33 PM  
**To:** gltestimony  
**Subject:** In Support of house Bill 5036

**Dear Representative D'Agostino, Senator Leone, Senator Witkos, Representative Smith, and distinguished members of the General Law Committee. My name is David Wollner, I am submitting written testimony in support of H.B. 5036 – An Act Promoting Craft Breweries and Distilleries and Price Fairness. As a resident of the State of Connecticut and as the owner of the Willimantic Brewing Company a restaurant brewery for the past 21 years, I want to thank you for the opportunity to voice my support of House Bill 5036.**

**This bill will allow my business to sell more beer to-go to our guests who often travel from other states just to enjoy the fine beers Connecticut brewers have to offer. The component of the bill that is most important to me is the removal of the nine-liter retail limit imposed upon state manufacturers of beer. As the law currently reads I am only able to sell up to nine liters of beer to an individual. While in many cases this is more than sufficient on numerous occasions we have been asked to sell greater than the limit for our guests to bring to special events. I believe we should make Connecticut breweries more in line with neighboring States. In Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New York a brewery can have multiple permits so they may make and sell cider, mead, wine, and even distill which all increase revenues to the state and federal government. I appreciate your time and attention this bill and if you have further questions I would be happy to meet with you or respond by phone or email.**

**Thank you,**

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