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Honorable Members of the General Law Committee,

I am writing to you today to oppose sections 55 (wine in food stores) and section 56 (beer in box stores) in HB 6101. CT needs to stand behind small businesses like Package Stores who employ thousands of jobs.

Grocery stores and big box stores are allowed to sell thousands of items in their stores, where CT Package Stores can only sell a select few. This proposal would cause hundreds of stores to close and would hurt other small business inside and outside the alcoholic beverage industry that rely on the 1200+ CT family run Package Stores for their survival as well.

Please oppose and remove sections 55 and 56 from HB 6101.

Removing these sections would keep small businesses afloat, passing these sections would result in the destruction of hundreds of stores and cost countless jobs.

Thank you,

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