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To: House Small Business Committee
Subject: Bill Number H5255

Good afternoon,

I am writing to support bill number H5255 that will enable local Rhode Island breweries to grow larger than they currently are. The current limitation of 384 ounces, which is one case of 16 ounce cans, is hurting these businesses. I am aware that the limitation was raised in recent times, but the regulation stems from an archaic, 1930s, prohibition era, standard.

I feel some State Senators and Representatives will vote down this bill due to pressure from large beer distribution companies. This clearly is unfair to these small local breweries that need to grow bigger.

Also, if a customer has zero limitations on the amount of beer they wish to buy at a store that sells mass quantities of beer, then they should also be able to buy, without limitations, directly from a brewery. The fact that a brewery is brewing beer, and also has a store, or counter, on site where their beer for sale, should not mean they are subject to any sale limitations.

Thank you,
Joe Cardone