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House Committee on Corporations
Rhode Island General Assembly
State House 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for H.8414, Authorizing Licensed Retailers with Infused-Beverage Endorsements to Sell THC-Infused Beverages Through Rhode Island's Three-Tier Beverage Distribution System

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Brewers Guild (RIBG), a trade group representing malt beverage, wine and distilled spirits manufacturers, I am writing to express our group's support of H.8414 legislation that would authorize **licensed liquor retailers, cannabis retailers and hemp consumable retailers** – who have received an **infused-beverage endorsement from the Cannabis Control Commission** – to sell **THC-infused beverages** through Rhode Island's established **three-tier beverage distribution system**.

The RIBG exists to market and promote its members, advocate for RI breweries in legislative matters, facilitate introductions to technical innovations and business resources, and to foster communication among Rhode Island beverage-alcohol producers. As THC-infused beverages have become an established product for consumers choosing beverages based on occasion, lifestyle and how they want to feel, Rhode Island's malt beverage manufacturers, in particular, are positioned well from a production standpoint to meet this consumer demand.

This policy change represents a thoughtful, responsible and economically beneficial modernization of Rhode Island's regulatory framework that mirrors its beverage-alcohol distribution system. It aligns our state with emerging national standards while ensuring that THC-infused beverages are manufactured, distributed and sold under the proper oversight, with consumer safety and product integrity at the forefront.

We thank you for your endorsement of H.8414 and to advance this important legislation this session,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nils Weldy".

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