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The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee  
Chairperson, House Committee on Small Business  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: H7209 Manufacturing and Wholesale Licenses – Retail Licenses

Dear Chairperson McEntee:

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Business Regulation in support of H7209.

Consistent with Article 8, § 1 & 2 of the Governor's Budget, H7209 would make permanent the legislative changes that allow Class B victualer/restaurants and brewpubs to sell alcoholic beverages with take-out food. DBR supports this bill to assist Rhode Island's small businesses, particularly as they continue their struggle to overcome the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

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Director, Department of Business Regulation

cc: Members, House Committee on Small Business