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Cc: Rep. Solomon, Joseph J. Jr.
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To Whom It May Concern:
Conimicut Liquors strongly opposes House Bill 7370

I am the owner of Conimicut Liquors and with the passing of this bill I would be left with great financial loss. I have a family that must be supported by this local business which is our primary income and without it it would be impossible to continue living our current lifestyle. I still have to put my kids through college and with the passing of this bill their lives will be affected greatly. My store created seven jobs and my employees relied on us. They are a part of our family too. Small businesses require extremely hard work, with most of them having to be built up from the ground with the support of our employees. By passing the bill all the hard work and dedication is lost and you leave families with no support. Businesses take time and by passing one bill years of hard work is lost.

Beer and wine make up roughly 75% of gross alcohol sales in My store. National data shows that allowing grocery and convenience stores to carry wine and beer will reduce the sales volume at local retail by 40%, while keeping our operating costs static. The passage of such legislation will bankrupt small, local liquor store owners, as well as put the over 2,500-3,000 people they employ out of a job.

Big box stores have self checkout registers. There is no human interaction. There are possibilities of under age alcohol theft and related crimes too.

Please help us save our small businesses and don't sell us out to corporate America. Our communities and families.

Ruxi Dudhia
(Owner)

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