



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
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March 6, 2023

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

Re: H5232 – An Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages – Manufacturing and Wholesale Licenses

Dear Chair McEntee:

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Business Regulation (DBR) to express support for H5232. By extending the three drink, three bottle retail privileges to Rhode Island's wineries, this bill will provide vital support to these Rhode Island small businesses and, at the same time, strengthen tourism and the state's economy.

We would be happy to provide you with whatever additional information you would request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at pamela.toro@dbr.ri.gov or 401.462.9560 (office) or 401.378.0085 (mobile).

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's perspective on this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

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