

April 3, 2025

The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee
House Small Business Committee
Room 135 - State House

Re: Written Testimony of McLaughlin & Moran in Opposition to H5885

Dear Chairwoman McEntee and Members of the Committee:

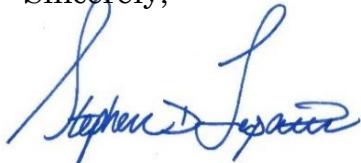
We are writing on behalf of McLaughlin & Moran, Inc. to express its opposition to H5885.

H5885 would allow holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from either a retail or wholesale establishment in the State of Rhode Island and allow wholesalers to refuse to fulfill orders permitted under this section, or set minimum quantities or dollar values per order. It would also permit caterers to serve and leave an event host's alcoholic beverages at their residence so long as it is under the caterer's control for the entirety of the event.

The practical effect of this bill would result in the continued erosion of the industry's three-tier system and ultimately devalue wholesaler license, causing significant harm to McLaughlin and Moran's business operations and jeopardize jobs critical to its Teamster drivers.

As always, McLaughlin & Moran appreciates your consideration of its input and perspective.

Sincerely,



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