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**From:** davidparr@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 2:43 PM  
**To:** Rep. Ajello, Edith H.; House Small Business Committee  
**Subject:** SUPPORT (FOR) HOUSE BILL 5255

Dear Representative Ajello and House Small Business committee,

I am a long-time Eastside Providence resident and am writing in support of House Bill 5255 which I understand is scheduled for discussion today. I am particularly concerned about helping our vibrant and growing craft brew industry and creating fairness and parity for Rhode Island craft brewers among our New England neighboring states on the limits on the retail sale of craft beer from the craft breweries.

.I am a long time home brewer and home brew competition judge. I began homebrewing around 1990 when there was little variety and competition among a handful of national breweries and craft brewing was just getting started. Craft brewers in New England and elsewhere face a number of challenges including archaic regulations and anti-competitive practices among regional distributors. Rhode Island has lagged behind the other New England states in craft brewing but a number of new small businesses in Rhode Island are changing that and making world class beers. Especially faced with the challenges of COVID, I urge you to help these new small business owners earn a living and grow their business by increasing the quantities of beer they can sell on a retail basis to Rhode Islanders and visitors from out of state.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

David Parr