

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg. 68-2 Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

March 12, 2024

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

Re: H7220 – 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 H7220. 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 <u>pamela.toro@dbr.ri.gov</u> 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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cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Small Business The Honorable Katherine S. Kazarian Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House