



March 12, 2024

Representative Brianna Henries
Member, House Special Legislation Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Senator Robert Britto
Member, Senate Committee on Finance
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support of SB-2695 (HB-7842) & SB-2786 (HB-7843), Opposition to SB-2487 (HB-8024)

Dear Representative Henries and Senator Britto -

On behalf of Crook Point Brewing Company, we are writing today in support of SB-2695 & SB-2786, as well as in opposition to SB-2487.

Crook Point Brewing Company opened our doors on November 22, 2023, at 65 Massasoit Avenue in East Providence, RI. We currently employ 16 people, half of whom reside in the city of East Providence.

The 1/6 BBL Bill, **SB-2695 (HB-7842)**, would allow breweries to sell (1) 1/6 BBL to customers. At a little over five gallons, this is in compliance with the current allowed volume to sell off-premise. We are requesting that it be allowed in a container other than the 12 oz and 16 oz containers currently allowed.

The Satellite Taproom bill, **SB-2786 (HB-7843)**, would allow the holder of a manufacturers license to apply for up to two satellite taproom locations, located off-premise, allowing the manufacturer to transport beer, wine, and spirits to the satellite taprooms. This would provide extra opportunity for the manufacturers to get their name and product out into the market, provide extra employment opportunities for local citizens, and further support ancillary industries like the arts, food trucks, etc.

In addition to the above bills, we are respectfully expressing our opposition to **SB-2487 (HB-8024)**, which would prohibit manufacturers of alcoholic beverages from holding or having any interest in a wholesaler license. This is a symbolic move by the Teamsters to try and take away the right and existing law of RI craft breweries' ability to hold a wholesaler license. This could have real impact on the manufacturers in the state, in an industry where 70% of Rhode Island breweries distribute to retail.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the above matters.

Sincerely,

Ernest Watson John Windle
Owner Head Brewer

Crook Point Brewing Company
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