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Representative Carol Hagan McEntee Chair House Small Business Committee Rhode Island State House Providence, RI 02903 Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr. Chair, Senate Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs Committee Rhode Island State House Providence, RI 02903

RE: HB-7842 & HB-7843, Opposition to HB-8024

To: Representative McEntee, Chair, Small Business Committee and Committee Members:

On behalf of Reject's Beer Company, we are writing today in support of HB-7842 & HB-7843, as well as in opposition to HB-8024.

Reject's Beer co is a little over 3 years old and located in Middletown RI. We have become active members of the local community and work with a ton of local charities as well.

The 1/6 BBL Bill, 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, 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 HB-8024, which would prohibit manufacturers of alcoholic beverages from holding or having any interest in a wholesaler license.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely, Leigh Kirmil Owner