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Testimony

General Law Committee Public Hearing

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In Support of H.B. 5311 – AAC Vessels, Vehicles, and In-State Transporter’s Permits for Alcoholic Liquor

Chairmen Maroney and D'Agostino and Ranking Members Witkos and Rutigliano, I am speaking to you today in support of House Bill 5311 An Act Concerning Vessels, Vehicles, and In-State Transporter’s Permits for Alcoholic Liquor.

Thank you for bringing this bill to a public hearing. This measure will address the issue that Cross Sound Ferry finds itself in as a result of the unintended consequences of the passage of Public Act 19-24. This solution allows Cross Sound Ferry to continue the same food and beverage snack service it had prior to the passage of the Public Act.

I strongly urge this committee to support this change as it would prevent this small business, and others like it from facing any unnecessary financial burdens due to permitting costs.

I extend my appreciation to the chairs and leadership of the committee for your hard work in crafting this solution for one of Connecticut's longest serving customer service enterprises. Thank you for holding this hearing and I urge you to support House Bill 5311.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Formica", with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

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