



Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
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Dear Senator Gillibrand,

July 28, 2010

The Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce is concerned about the effects of the Comprehensive Alcohol Regulatory Effectiveness Act (CARE), H.R. 5034, on interstate commerce in alcoholic beverages, wine in particular. As you know, our area has a large wine industry that is important to our region, not only for the wine sales, but also for its effect on tourism, which is another critical element in our regional economy.

The CARE Act would allow individual states to pass laws and regulations to control shipping between states, things that are now regulated by the federal government. The result would be protectionist efforts by the states, creating a marketplace in disarray and seriously damaging our industry's ability to compete. The restrictions that would be put in place by states and the retaliatory measures from other states would hurt our state's wine industry. The regulation of interstate shipping should remain under the control of the federal government, retaining uniformity and a level playing field.

For these reasons we are joining the long list of other concerned organizations asking you to oppose H.R. 5034. It's an important matter for our economy.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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