Submission in Support of S.163

Senate Bill 163 is all upside and no downside

1 HIGHWAY SAFETY

Patrons of restaurants and pubs will be provided the opportunity to take home their last beer without the risk associated with drinking that last beer and then driving home.

2 Brewpubs benefit without bottling

Brewpubs will benefit from sales to local and out-of-state customers without the added expense of installing a bottling process.

3 IMPROVED / STABILIZED PROFIT POTENTIAL FOR LOCAL BUSINESS

Increased sales of local microbrew products to patrons who like the taste of a brew that they just had with dinner, but find availability to be otherwise limited.

4 ATTRACTIVE FOR TOURISTS

Each of the above benefits will improve the attractiveness of Vermont businesses to tourists. Being needlessly unaccommodating to tourists is bad for Vermont

5 INCREASED EMPLOYMENT WITH STEADY YEAR ROUND WORK

S.163 will remove hindrances that needlessly restrict beer sales in Vermont with no negative consequences. Increased sales demand increased production jobs and increased service jobs.