



Nova Scotia Legislature  
Law Amendments Committee  
c/o Legislative Counsel Office

November 30, 2015

**Re: Bill 134 – Amendments to the Liquor Control Act**

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Craft Brewers Association of Nova Scotia. CBANS represents craft breweries in every region of the Province, including seventeen microbreweries and seven brewpubs from Sydney to Yarmouth. More than half of our members are located in rural communities, and our members employ more than 300 hundred hard working Nova Scotians. Our industry has more than doubled in size since 2011 and we now retail more than \$16 million dollars of locally made craft beer annually in Nova Scotia. Our members have won national and international awards for our products and export sales are growing every year, establishing our industry's products as world class and Nova Scotia as a destination for craft beer lovers across North America and the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our support for Bill 134 amending the Liquor Control Act, and for all recent efforts of the government to reduce red tape and modernize legislation to benefit Nova Scotia beverage alcohol manufacturers. We welcome the progress this Bill represents and the potential for changes to the Liquor Licensing Regulations for manufacturers that will enable our industry to continue to grow and become more efficient and competitive. We have been in consultation with Service Nova Scotia about the proposed changes since early summer and look forward to further discussions with government. Our industry is making a significant contribution to the Nova Scotia economy and we need the support of government to ensure we remain competitive with other jurisdictions. Modernizing outdated regulations and eliminating unnecessary barriers is a key part of this process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this process, and we look forward to working with the government further on implementation of these changes in the coming months. If you require any additional information from us please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Emily Tipton  
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President, Craft Brewers Association of Nova Scotia