



The Honorable Zack Stephenson, Chair  
Minnesota House Commerce Committee  
Room 509, State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1232

Re: Take 16 Brewing Company testimony on HF 1192 (Olson)

Dear Chair Stephenson and Members of the Committee:

We have customers ask us every week if they can buy our cans to take home and we must tell them it is against Minnesota state law. Every surrounding state allows their breweries to sell their beer in cans and even kegs. This is something our customers are asking of us; we are not pushing it onto them. Both growlers and crowlers are much larger vessels than a normal can of beer and can be too much for some people to drink. We have people from all over the country visit us and are disappointed when they can't purchase our cans. Breweries are a big tourist driving force and should be allowed to sell different sized packages.

Currently we can only sell in sixty-four fluid ounce (Imperial units) or seven hundred and fifty milliliters (Metric). You are not told when you go to a butcher that you can only buy either three pounds or half a kilogram of meat and any other size is out of the question. Logic dictates this needs to change.

We have invested a sizable amount of money in a canning line in order to stay in operations these last couple of years. If we were able to sell our cans directly to our customers it would allow us to grow our small-town company, hire more employees, and build our community.

Minnesota is a progressive state, which is why this bill needs to be considered and passed.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Luke Rensink  
Head Brewer  
Take 16 Brewing Company  
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