

Thank you, Mr. chairman and members of the committee,
Good afternoon, and thank you for your time. As you know, Minnesota is the state of hockey, but baseball is a close second, and it is America's favorite pastime that offers family and community entertainment. Litchfield had the privilege to host both the hundredth annual State baseball tournament and Fox 9 town ball tour in 2024. The total attendance for both of those were 30,000.

As you know, many small-town baseball parks serve beer at their games. The problem we have been having is trying to find 3.2 % beer from distributors and the expenses with this product.

We have many in attendance asking for local Minnesota craft beers, which of course would add to our local economy along with our local brewery but do not offer 3.2.

Minnesota amateur baseball is a very organized and quite credible organization that has gone to bat for local baseball communities. In Litchfield we have had support from both the city and the school district over the past 25 years being able to sell beer on premises.

In short, what we are really wanting is to be able to sell strong beer seasonally with clarification on the law.

Thank you for your time on this matter.