



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN
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Hon. Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, New Haven Board of Alders
165 Church Street
City of New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers,

We respectfully submit the attached Order for your consideration, requesting approval for the Board of Alders to hold a public workshop concerning the Packaged Goods Vendor Permit for low-risk, sealed food producers operating in New Haven.

The proposed workshop would allow the Board of Alders and the relevant departments to consider a risk-appropriate permitting pathway by exploring the creation of a Packaged Goods Vendor Permit designed for sealed, pre-packaged food businesses, including clear standards for eligibility, definitions of “low-risk” and “sealed” products, and operational distinctions between businesses that are sampling products and those that are not. The workshop can also assess how such a permit would interact with existing vendor or hawker licensing, and how to structure oversight consistent with state inspection and labeling requirements while reducing unnecessary duplication.

We believe this reform would reduce startup costs, strengthen local markets and community events, and position New Haven as a leading hub for consumer-packaged goods innovation.

Thank you for considering this communication.

Hon. Caroline Tanbee Smith
Alder, Ward 9

Hon. Sarah Miller
Alder, Ward 14

