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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, my name is Ned Wight. As owner of New England Distilling, a Small Maine Distillery in Portland, I am writing in support of LD 1695, An Act to Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers. I believe this bill will support small businesses in Maine by making it easier to reach our customers that are not currently able to find our products locally. We can do this in a safe and convenient manner through the existing age verification services provided by common carriers. Direct to consumer shipping has been tested and proven in at least 11 other states and has helped the wine industry to more easily introduce new products and grow its customer base. Please vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 1695 and support small Maine businesses.

Sincerely,

Ned Wight