

**TESTIMONY OF
Brian Parke
L.D. 631, “An Act to Allow a Home
Distiller to Distill and Share Homemade
Spirituous Liquor”**



Greetings Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and members of the Committee On Veterans and Legal Affairs. My name is Brian Parke and I am the President and CEO of the Maine Motor Transport Association and a resident of Brunswick. The Association is comprised of more than 1,840 member companies, whose employees make up a large portion of the almost 34,000 people who make their living in the trucking industry in Maine.

We are submitting testimony neither for nor against LD 631 in order to ask you to clarify the shipping component of the bill should you decide to move forward with it.

Line 18 allows for personal use and “shipping the product to the owner's family members and friends.” We find this to be ambiguous, both from a lack of definition of “shipping” – by courier, for-hire carrier, by personal vehicle, etc. – as well as lack of clarity as to who falls under the definition of “friends”.

Our trucking members would appreciate clarity so compliance is well-defined, reasonable and attainable.

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing us to submit written testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee has throughout this process.