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Good morning, Chair Hickman, Chair Supica, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

My name is Lydia Moffet, I live in Brooksville, and am an owner/operator of Tinder Hearth Bakery and Restaurant.

I'm writing to express my support for HP 1449, An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Affecting Small Distilleries.

Tinder Hearth is small business that focuses on buying ingredients and products from local farms and producers to serve those goods directly to the public with the hope of supporting and growing a vital local foods economy.

In 2025 Tinder Hearth spent over \$65,000 on beverages for resale, and we work with many distributors to track down as much Maine-produced beverages as possible. While we appreciate the hard work that the distributors put in, we often cannot access the products that our neighbors are making via the distributors' lists. This is extremely frustrating and makes following our mission unnecessarily difficult.

HP 1449 would help get more locally produced, Maine beverages into the hands of consumers, and would help us keep our dollars here in Maine. Thank you for your consideration.