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Dear Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, My name is Abraham Furth, and I am the co-founder of Orono Brewing Company and President of the Maine Brewers' Guild.

My brewery was founded in 2014 and we employ twenty-one people. I am here today to express support for including beer/ malt beverages in L.D. 1358.

This bill - which could give my brewery the ability to ship beer to Maine customers using common carriers - is a common sense way of updating Maine laws to help me grow my business, and meet the increasing demand for direct delivery of beer from 21+ consumers.

Despite Orono Brewing having a distribution agreement, there are many towns in Maine that my distributor can not get to based on freight costs. This bill will allow me to get my beer into those consumers hands who can't get it now.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony, I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

Abraham Furth Co-founder Orono Brewing Company