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**Testimony Presenting LD 1093**  
**"An Act To Expand the Options for Shipping Wine Directly to Customers"**

Good morning Sen. Luchini, Rep. Caiazzo, and distinguished members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. My name is Dave Miramant, and I proudly represent all of the people of Appleton, Camden, Criehaven, Cushing, Friendship, Hope, Isle au Haut, Matinicus, Muscle Ridge Islands, North Haven, Owl's Head, Rockland, Rockport, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston, Union, Vinalhaven and Warren in the Maine Senate.

I come before you today to present LD 525, An Act To Expand the Options for Shipping Wine Directly to Customers.

This bill attempts to help folks in Maine who want to expand the options for obtaining the types of wine that they choose while helping Maine businesses to open their markets.

I heard that out-of-state wineries and wine clubs had greater freedom to deliver wine in Maine than our own wineries. We have been talking about supporting and promoting Maine businesses and this seemed to be another way to do so. It not only increases the amount of wine that can be shipped over a year, it expands the ability of retailers to ship wines as well. This could open up a whole new market for many of our retailers who can expand their market using Maine wines through the power of the internet.

This also provides for wine clubs to be able to ship a variety of different wines for tasting and purchase. These type of cooperative ventures allow folks to experience the range of what Maine wineries have to offer, again supporting our local vintners.

In other states that have expanded shipping laws, it did not change the purchasing patterns for local stores. Some used the new opportunities to expand and others saw no change.

Thank you for your consideration, I am glad to answer questions if I can.