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I am writing in support of Nate Luce's proposed changes to current regulations. I own and operate a small bar and restaurant in Kittery, ME. We seek to source food and beverage from the local Maine economy when possible and have utilized Luce Spirits since it began production. Producers that operate on such a small scale require skill, organization, and resources. Fluctuations in demand as seasons change is a perpetual challenge, especially where production cannot be rushed. Allowing small distillers to self-distribute would tighten their connection to the local food & beverage economy and simplify distribution. Wouldn't it be great to be able purchase directly from the source, just as we can with a keg of beer or a bag of carrots. We have such a great place to work and live in Maine, and our hospitality industry is vibrant largely because of creative, talented producers that continue to make our state a destination. Nate Luce's proposal represents a logical, common sense approach. Any way in which we can help small businesses in Maine succeed should be a priority.