

# BROOKLIN GENERAL STORE

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of *LD 2160 - An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Affecting Small Distilleries*. I am a co-owner of the Brooklin General Store, along with my husband, Graham Macbeth. We hold both an Agency Liquor License and an on-premise license in good standing.

I am well versed in the day-to-day struggles of the small business owner, especially in our seasonally disparate, tourist driven state. The current rules and regulations with regards to small distilleries and small businesses leave much to be desired. The rules are both prohibitive and cause undue stress and additional leg work on the part of already stressed and frazzled small business owners trying to keep up with red tape and rising costs. (Big minimums, taxes, state mandated pricing, et al.)

From 2013 – 2020 I was the co-owner of 3 New York city storefronts, two of which held liquor licenses. Once the licenses were secured there was far less red tape involved than here in Maine. The laws here are both archaic and obtuse. They are hurting small, local manufacturing when in fact we should be celebrating Maine's artisanal producers. This bill would help support them by fostering easier access to their products with a better profit margin for producers.

Thank you for your time and please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,



Alissa Wagner  
Co-owner/buyer



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