

Good morning Mr Thomsen,

I own and operate JAZ Spirits, a brand featuring wild botanicals from Oregon's national forests. I am writing you today to ask you to pass a reduction in tasting room fees for local distilleries, SB 1565.

My brand has been on shelves since 2016, but I haven't hired any sales or support staff due to slim margins at direct sales events where I am paying booth fees, Olcc and city fees, and liquor tax. There is no space to hire within that structure and stay profitable. I also can't justify opening a tasting room since the cost would exceed the sales.

Please lighten the tax burden on JAZ Spirits and other brands like mine so that I can expand. I work hard to make something special that could become one of Oregon's regional specialties. I'd like to have a fair chance at growing my brand into something you'd be proud of.

Thanks for your consideration,
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