



NEW BASIN

DISTILLING COMPANY

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RE: SB 316: ODG's Distillery Tasting Room Profitability Act

Oregon Senate Finance Committee,

I am the operating partner and distiller for New Basin Distilling Company in Madras. For the last five years we have been building New Basin Distilling Company to use local resources, most notably our own Oregon grown grain, to produce exceptional whiskey. 98% of our sales are in Oregon. As we all recuperate from the pandemic and try to weather the emotional and financial burdens, I am saddened to see many of my counterparts and restaurant accounts permanently close. It is going to be tough but we can make it through this with your support.

SB 316, ODG's Distillery Tasting Room Profitability Act is not a bonus but rather a life-line for most Oregon distilleries. New Basin Distilling Company's tasting room off of Highway 26 in Madras is a vital part of my business plan. SB 316 would not only allow New Basin Distilling Company to keep our door open, it would help promote growth, purchase more local materials and hire more Oregonians.

I acknowledge and appreciate your work in these challenging times. Support of SB 316 is a step in the right direction toward our recovery efforts.

We know that the other 65 distilleries in Oregon have similar stories.

Please support SB 316.

Cheers from the New Basin,

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