



RE: Letter of Support for SB 316

February 10, 2021

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My husband and I own Sinister Distilling in Albany. We are a small craft distillery producing whiskey, gin, rum and brandy. Sinister Distilling opened in 2013, but we just started getting product out in the last few years. We also own Deluxe Brewing, which allows us to make all our spirits from grain to glass.

I'm very proud that my husband and I own a brewery and distillery and how much we've persevered to reach this dream. The hurdles have been massive, and now is the time we need your help.

Here are a few reasons why SB 316 is so important to us.

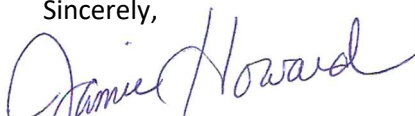
- This is small distilleries asking to retain the retail markup in their tasting rooms, and provide a living wage for the people that operate them.
- We want to provide an educational experience for consumers and promote tourism and grow the Oregon craft brand.
- We are the backbone of Oregon's economy. Our businesses support many other Oregon businesses, small and large (ag producers, farmers, etc.).

Support for small business is key to Oregon's COVID economic recovery. In 2020, we came close to getting the tasting room compensation bill passed. We are grateful that Gov. Brown included this policy change in her recommended budget to the legislature.

Now is the time to pass SB 316, to give Oregon distillers the tools they need to survive an economic crisis, have profitable tasting rooms, and to grow the craft spirits industry.

Thank you for your support. Please, let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jamie Howard
Co-Owner, Sinister Distilling