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Co-Chairs Manning and Gomberg and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Beer & Wine Distributors Association (OBWDA) is a trade association representing the public policy interests of local independent beer and wine distributors. OBWDA provides leadership in promoting the local independent beer and wine industry in Oregon by protecting Oregon's three-tier system of alcohol distribution and trade practice laws.

The three-tier system was put in place to promote moderate consumption of alcohol, ensure a commercially level playing field, provide for effective tax collection, and preserve public safety by ensuring alcohol sales are made only to licensed retailers. Under the system, distributors efficiently track product through the chain of custody while providing Oregonians with a safe and unprecedented choice of products in the marketplace.

OBWDA deeply values our relationship with the OLCC. Together, we work to strengthen and protect Oregon's alcohol regulatory code that facilitates an orderly, safe, and fair system, allowing for consumer choice and access to the market for all.

We urge you to support the OLCC and their various budget needs. This is a critical agency serving Oregonians and their work needs to be adequately funded.

Thank you,

-Danelle Romain & Mike Freese

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