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My daughter is a master distiller and part owner of Freeland Spirits, a woman owned and operated distillery. She has stated on a number of occasions how the tasting rooms of wineries and distilleries get treated differently in terms of taxes. Her distillery is doing reasonably well, but cannot make a profit from bottle sales out of their tasting room. In fact, they actually lose money from those sales. SB 1565 would rectify the existing unfairness. The passage of SB 1565 would allow them to profit from the Tasting Room and potentially offer more employment opportunities.

I think it's about time to make the tax system more fair in a competitive market.

Thank You for your time,

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