

Dear Senator,

My name is Darcey Howard and I'm the Chief Marketing Officer of Thinking Tree Spirits - a farm to flask distillery in Eugene, Oregon.

We work with local farms to produce spirits that taste like Oregon. Our boysenberry liquor is made from Johnson Family Farm's berries, our vodka from Camas Country Mill's wheat, our gin from Mountain Rose Herb's botanicals, the list goes on and on.

We chose to pivot our company in February to become the first TTB/FDA approved distillery in the nation to produce hand sanitizer. With the help of Peter Defazio we cut the tape on the federal level for all distilleries nationwide and got the job done for our community and state.

We are a small and new start up operation only 4 years old. Our tasting room is absolutely critical to our ability to keep our doors open and grow into a manufacturing company that can provide our state with jobs and revenue that is desperately needed, now more than ever.

We came close to passing our tasting room compensation bill in 2020 (passed Ways & Means, but did not get a floor vote). 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 us the tools we need to survive this economic crisis, have profitable tasting rooms, and to grow our craft spirits industry.

We want to continue to source Oregon agriculture, we want to hire people and continue to create positive and innovative change in our community by building a true cottage industry!

We need your support right now.

With most sincerity,

Darcey Howard

Chief Marketing Officer

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