



November 14, 2022

The Honorable Richard Stein  
Chairman, Ohio House Commerce and Labor Committee

RE: House Bill 629 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Stein:

On behalf of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and our thousands of members, I write to you in support of House Bill 629; legislation that would increase micro-distillery production limits from its current limit of 100,000 gallons of spiritous liquor per year to 1 million gallons.

As the state's leading business advocate and resource, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce aggressively champions free enterprise, economic competitiveness, and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans. As part of our mission, we seek to make Ohio the best place in the country for businesses to operate and grow. We also endeavor to remove hurdles and barriers, for both entry and growth, for businesses operating or seeking to operate in Ohio.

Our support for HB 629 is relative to the growing industry of craft distilling and allowing those businesses to continue to grow and expand in our state. The change from 100,000 gallons of spiritous liquor per year to 1 million gallons only seeks to put Ohio in line with other states and keeps our state competitive in the market. It also ensures that we will not lose any of our great craft distillers to surrounding states who already have this increased capacity limit.

We appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this measure and are hopeful that this change will allow for existing craft distillers to continue to grow and expand in Ohio but also allow for other entrepreneurs to choose Ohio to open up shop.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of HB 629 at [kboehner@ohiochamber.com](mailto:kboehner@ohiochamber.com) or 614-228-4201.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Boehner".

Kevin Boehner  
Director, Small Business and Workforce Policy