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RE: Legislation - House Bill 86: Request to Consider Amendment for Direct Shipping of Spirits in Ohio

State Representative Jeff LaRe 77 South High Street, Floor 13 Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative LaRe,

I am writing on behalf of Craft Wine Association members and independent producers across the nation to express my interest in Ohio House Bill 86. We kindly request your support in allowing for the direct shipping of spirits within the state.

We believe that allowing for the direct shipping of spirits would not only align with the changing consumer preferences but also provide economic benefits for both small businesses and consumers in Ohio.

I have attached informational documents to this letter that provide insights into the evolving landscape of the beverage alcohol industry. These documents aim to provide a comprehensive perspective on the matter and may assist in your evaluation of supporting direct shipping of spirits.

I appreciate your dedication to representing the interests of the state and its residents. I kindly request the opportunity to discuss this matter further and provide any additional information or insights that may be helpful in considering direct shipping of spirits.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response and the possibility of working together to enhance the spirits industry in Ohio.

Sincerely,

Taylor Harrison

Craft Wine Association

Enclosures: Direct Shipping Bill of Rights, Age Verification Study