



Haines Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Sirs,

The Haines Chamber of Commerce writes this letter in support of HB309 Distillery Bill.

The mission of the Greater Haines Chamber of Commerce is to promote economic growth that contributes to the local quality of life by:

- * Advocating the interests of its membership to the community and government organizations.**
- * Facilitating cooperative programs that provide the resources necessary for business.**
- * Educating its members and the community on the importance of a sustainable economy.**

We are excited to welcome our own distillery to Haines and are encouraged by the expansion of business, manufacturing, and attractions within our community. This bill will allow for our local business to diversify their market, inviting visitors to their place of production, and offsetting higher costs related to shipping and local production in a rural community.

According to the Bill Summary, “Small distilleries in Alaska purchase local agricultural products, create jobs, support their local economies, create export products for Alaska, and have the potential to significantly contribute to the tourism industry in Alaska.”

We are proud of Alaskan made products and view this bill as an opportunity for locally produced items to be showcased in their hometown from where they are made.

We encourage the passing of this bill to bring distillery laws on par with current craft beer and wine regulations.

Sincerely,
The Greater Haines Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors