



To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Cory McCagh, my family owns and operates 1812 Brewery in Cumberland. A few years ago, the General Assembly passed a bill to create a Class L license, modeled after other states' rules that allow a local brewery, winery or distillery to offer samples and sales (by the glass/pint) of other locally-produced alcohol products.

Once implemented, we immediately applied for the license from the Allegany Board of Licensed Commissioners. Our goal was to offer our neighbor's products for sampling as a way to cross-promote other local businesses and accommodate customers who may not love our beer but still want to support local. Other local manufacturers have also obtained this license and we appreciate their support of our products.

Traveling customers are always asking about where they should go next while in town. Since we obtained the Class L license and have offerings from other local businesses, we're frequently asked about visiting those establishment's. Rather than heading out of town, they often will add an extra stop or plan out their next trip around hitting all of the local craft spots. It's helped us create more of an inclusive community for all craft beverage drinkers.

Since the precedent for this license has been set in Pennsylvania and Delaware—and in our own state—it's only appropriate to allow other breweries, wineries, distilleries, cideries and meaderies the same ability to promote neighboring businesses, increase visitors and grow their tax base. This doesn't take away from other businesses, it actually increases traffic into our area which, in turn, supports other local establishments.

Sincerely,

Cory McCagh
1812 Brewery