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March 3, 2022

Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee
Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Brian Treacy and I am President of Distillery Operations at Sagamore Spirit, a Baltimore-based rye whiskey distillery. I am writing to you to request your support of shipping distilled spirits within Maryland.

This new consumer channel has been incredibly important for our business and has both saved and created jobs. Small distilleries like ours have made sizable investments in ecommerce platforms, as well as compliance training and coordination with logistic companies such as the United Parcel Service.

Moreover, shipping our products to Maryland residents helps us remain competitive with larger suppliers and online retailers who do not carry our products. We are eager to welcome guests to our distillery as COVID numbers decrease, but another contagious variant could thwart our plans in the fall. Keeping this option open allows for a seamless transition, should we need to shutter our doors again.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,



Brian Treacy
Co-Founder & President of Distillery Operations