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Fellow distillers,

The Oregon Distillers Guild is working on two legislative initiatives in Salem right now. We need to ask you to please do three things.

The ODG opposes the addition of a \$.50 surcharge on all distilled spirits in Oregon as proposed in Governor Kotek's budget. We believe that taxing distillers more than the current amount is detrimental to our industries success. Our talking points around the additional surcharge can be found here.

1. Please either write a letter in opposition to the surcharge and submit it to Laura.Paul@oregon.gov or testify in person at the 5/18 OLCC Commission meeting at 9:00am in Portland. Letters and live testimony registration needs to be to Laura by 5/15.

Secondly the Oregon Distillers Guild has proposed house bill 2974. This bill will divert some of the \$2 million raised from the existing surcharge to create the Oregon Spirit Board. The purpose of this board is to promote all Oregon distilled products in the national and international markets. Our talking points around hb2974 can be found here.

2. Please write a letter in support of hb2974 and submit it to you local Senators and Representatives. Their email can be found at <https://oregondistillersguild.org/legislation/>

Many distillers have not joined the Oregon Distillers Guild. We do a lot of work to promote represent your business. How do you like your current Tasting room tax rate? That was us.

3. Please become a member of the ODG today. If you have let your dues laps please get them current. You can find a link to pay on our new website;
<https://oregondistillersguild.org/join-ODG/#join>

If you would like to discuss any legislative topics I am happy to. Reach out to me at brad@oregonspiritdistillers.com.

Thank you,

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