

June 15, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Brewery support for the River Democracy Act of 2021

Dear Senators Wyden and Merkley,

We, the undersigned business owners, applaud the introduction of the River Democracy Act of 2021 and thank you for your leadership to protect the Oregon rivers and waterways that provide our great state with clean drinking water, amazing recreation opportunities, and critical habitat for wildlife.

Craft brewing is one of Oregon's great industries. According to the Oregon Brewers Guild, each year, the Oregon brewing industry supports more than 31,000 jobs directly and indirectly and contributes \$4.49 billion to the state's economy. And Oregon craft brewing companies give back to their communities, donating millions of dollars to Oregon-based causes. The numbers don't lie: Oregon craft brewing companies lead the nation and that's in part because we have a vital and healthy place to produce our beer. People choose to live in Oregon for the natural beauty of our rivers and outdoor spaces, and many build their livelihoods around the thriving beer industry.

Our breweries – along with our amazing outdoor areas – are also a huge tourism draw, and a visit to our breweries often go hand in hand with adventures in the outdoors. Enjoying an Oregon beer after landing a fish, finishing a paddle, or making it back to the campsite after a good hike can be a singular moment and this legislation can help ensure that those moments can be enjoyed now and in the future. Moreover, the addition of nearly 4,700 miles of Oregon rivers and streams throughout the state to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system will protect the waterways that fuel our economy.

We appreciate the hard work and the years of consultation that went into crafting this bill to ensure that it represents the wishes and goals of Oregonians across the state. In these difficult times, it seems like exploring our majestic outdoors and enjoying a good beer is something upon which we can all agree. Thank you for introducing the River Democracy Act of 2021 and know that Oregon brewers stand with you as you work to pass this bill.

Sincerely, the undersigned,

ForeLand Beer  
Fort George Brewery  
Misty Mountain Brewing  
Heater Allen Brewing  
Worthy Brewing  
Gigantic Brewing Company  
Wayfinder Beer  
Ecliptic Brewing  
Breakside Brewery

Silver Falls Brewery  
Migration Brewing Co.  
Vertigo Brewing & Taproom  
Conner Fields Brewing  
Walkabout Brewing Company  
pFriem Family Brewers  
Deschutes Brewery  
River Drifters  
Chetco Brewing Company

Yachats Brewing LLC  
Block 15 Brewing Co.  
Alesong Brewing & Blending  
Boneyard Beer  
Fire on the Mountain  
Barn Door Brewing  
Oakshire Brewing  
Vanguard Brewing Company  
Smockville Brewhouse  
Kobold Brewing  
Oregon City Brewing Company  
Lucky Labrador Brewing  
Freebridge Brewing  
Golden Valley Brewery & Restaurant  
Blossom Barn Cidery  
Sasquatch Brewery  
Terminal Gravity Brewing, Inc.

The Ale Apothecary  
The Wheel Apizza Pub  
Ninkasi Brewing Company  
Santiam Brewing Company  
Little Beast Brewing  
Mazama Brewing Company  
Falling Sky Brewing  
Seaside Brewery  
7 Devils Brewing Co.  
Great Notion Brewing  
Double Mountain Brewery & Cidery  
Running Dogs Brewery  
Side A Brewing  
Sunriver Brewing Company  
Kells Brew Pub  
Deluxe Brewing Co