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To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this letter is to address the Fire Department requirements as listed on the Department of Permitting and Inspections form for Change of Use.

The applicant, New England Distilling, located at 26 Evergreen Drive, Unit B in Portland is seeking to open a warehouse and tasting room space at One Industrial Way, Unit 13 in Portland. We began distilling operations in 2011 at the Evergreen Drive location and are expanding our operation to One Industrial Way. We would like to designate a portion of the space as tasting room space. The entire space at One Industrial Way is 1500 sqft, the tasting room would be part of the existing space. The tasting space is separated from the warehouse space by an existing 2x4 wall and doors. The unit has two doors leading to the outside, an overhead door and a metal door located in the tasting room space. The tasting room area has three standard size doors, two leading to the warehouse space which have been removed leaving open access, and one metal door marked as an emergency exit leading to the outside. The travel distance from the most remote point in the tasting room to the marked exit door is 15 feet, from the furthest point in the warehouse space is 50 feet. The building does have sprinklers, as well as a fire extinguisher which is located in the warehouse space right outside the tasting room door. The tasting room space has one set of emergency lights near the exit leading to the outside. We have consulted with Mark Cummings of Fire Risk Management on the allowable occupancy of the tasting room, given the square footage and fixed furniture, and he has returned an allowable occupancy of 19.