Congressman Blumenauer last week met with several SE Portland small distillery business owners to discuss the unique challenges facing the industry (notably an excise tax that can force artisan distilleries like these to pay five to seven times more than small breweries) and took a tour of the New Deal Distillery.

Distillery Row is a collection of four distilleries in inner, industrial SE Portland that house multiple labels and distillers. They also operate a “one stop shop” website for culinary type tourists interested in tasting liquor as an alternative for folks who enjoy wine tasting. Participants in the roundtable included Artisan Spirits, House Spirits, Stone Barn Brandyworks, Integrity Spirits, Deco Distilling, New Deal Distillery, and Highball Distillery.