

Millstein Takes Brewers' Message to DC

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Last week a U.S. Senate subcommittee held a hearing about the importance of America's small brewers to the economy. It was hosted by Alaska Senator Mark Begich, and he spoke with Kodiak's Ben Millstein afterwards.

"It was great. There was about a dozen or so brewers from around the country with the Brewers Association, which is a national organization," Millstein said. "We were talking about our small business and how they contribute to communities. Different things we value: taking care of employees and sustainability, and we had a lot of interest from the senators, which was an honor to be here."

Begich inquired about Kodiak Island Brewing Company's new location downtown at the Y, and announced his plans to visit this week.

"Expanded tremendously and it's been a lot of fun. It's a great new spot," Millstein said.

"So when you have Kodiak Crab Fest — which I will be at — maybe I'll sample the brew," Begich said. "Because we had no samples here today, but that's okay. Maybe next time."

KMXT will try to catch up with the Senator during Crab Fest, which begins on Thursday.