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Support America's Brewers, Vintners, Distillers and Cider Makers
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Dear Colleague:

Please join us in supporting thousands of small brewers, vintners, distillers, and cider makers across the country along with their supply chain partners by cosponsoring H.R. 1175, the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2019 (CBMTRA).

H.R. 1175 will make permanent a provision that was enacted in 2017 and currently has overwhelming bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. The bill will reduce the excessive tax burden on alcohol producers, streamline outdated and duplicative regulations, and generate interest in new, innovative products.

Since January of 2018, small brewers, vintners, distillers, and cider makers across the U.S. have reinvested their tax savings into creating new jobs, offering health and retirement benefits, tasting and tap room expansions, and upgrades to production and storage equipment. Farmers, packaging manufacturers, and service providers in the supply chain have benefitted from these investments and capital improvements.

Unless Congress acts soon, these economic benefits will expire on December 31, 2019.

Most producers in this industry are small, family-owned businesses who struggle to compete in the global marketplace. Many of these small businesses may have to reconsider growth and expansion plans while others could be forced to suspend operations altogether if this legislation is not further extended or made permanent.

Please join us in supporting of this legislation. To cosponsor the bill or seek additional information, please contact Ethan Holmes with Rep. Kind at Ethan.Holmes@mail.house.gov or Lori Prater with Rep. Kelly at Lori.Prater@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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