



July 20, 2010

The Honorable Lamar Smith
U.S. House Judiciary Committee
2142 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Smith:

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), we write to you in opposition of H.R. 5034, the Comprehensive Alcohol Regulatory Effectiveness (CARE) Act. GPI is the North American trade association for glass food and beverage containers, and its suppliers to the industry.

GPI member companies manufacture the majority of glass beer containers purchased by our beer company partners and our member companies employ tens of thousands of Americans in high-skill, high-paying manufacturing jobs.

The CARE Act would disrupt the authority of alcohol regulation, which is currently an effective balance between state and federal regulation. GPI and the US brewing supply chain strongly urge the preservation of national uniformity for alcohol standards and regulations.

The CARE Act opens the door for patchwork regulation that would differ from state to state. Areas such as labeling, advertising and taxation need strong federal guidelines and consistency so our national companies and partners can allocate the resources needed to effectively comply.

Opening the door to contradictory regulations and removal of assurance for a consistent, proven and effective national standard may also lead to increased manufacturing costs and a decrease in production of glass containers.

Citing our concerns above, we again ask that you not support H.R. 5034.

Best regards,

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President