



February 23, 2017

Members, U.S. House of Representatives
Members, United States Senate

In Support of S. 236 and H.R. 747, the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2017

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), the North American trade association for the glass container manufacturers of beverage and food containers, as well as suppliers to our collective industry, **I would like to express our strong support for S. 236 and H.R. 747, the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2017.**

The North American glass container industry directly employs 20,000 Americans in 45 glass container manufacturing plants throughout the country. Our members' operations provide support and supply bottles to several thousand breweries, wine and distilled spirits companies.

The Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2017 creates a more fair, equitable and comprehensive tax structure for brewers, beer importers, producers of distilled spirits and wineries. This key legislation has a broad base of support, demonstrating the need to improve the tax structure for the entire alcohol-based beverage industry.

S. 236 and H.R. 747 will enable Members of Congress to support real tax reform for the majority of GPI's customer base, without picking winners and losers in industries vital to our nation's economy.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding our support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn M. Bragg". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lynn M. Bragg
President