



December 14, 2015

Members, U.S. House of Representatives
Members, U.S. Senate
Washington, DC

In Support of S. 1562 and H.R. 2903, the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2015

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. 1562 and H.R. 2903, the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2015.**

The North American glass container industry directly employs 18,000 Americans in 46 glass container manufacturing plants throughout the country. Our members operations provide support and supply bottles to over 4,000 small and large breweries around the country.

The Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2015 creates a 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, further demonstrating the need to improve the tax structure for the entire alcohol-based beverage industry.

S. 1562 and H.R. 2903 enable Members of Congress to support real tax reform for the majority of GPI's customer base, without picking winners and losers among a US industry that is vital to our economy.

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

Sincerely,

Lynn Bragg

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn M. Bragg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "L" and "B".

Lynn M. Bragg
President