**(YOUR DISTILLERY’S LOGO or LETTERHEAD)**

**(Date)**

The Honorable **FIRST NAME LAST NAME**

U.S. House of Representatives

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Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: Please Support the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act (H.R. 1175/ S.362)**

Dear Congressman **­­­LAST NAME,**

I first want to thank you for your hard work, dedication and service to our great state and country. My name is **(YOUR NAME)** and I am the owner of **(DISTILLERY NAME)** based in **(CITY, Texas)**. **(INSERT HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF YOUR DISTILLERY and PRODUCT(S) MADE HERE).**

As a small business owner and your constituent, I am writing you today to ask for your support of the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act (H.R. 1175/ S.362).

This bill will make permanent a provision enacted two years ago that lowered the federal excise tax from $13.50 to $2.70 per proof gallon. This reduction has allowed my distillery to offer health insurance, create new jobs, purchase more equipment and provide retirement benefits. **(USE YOUR OWN STORY)**. If Congress allows this economic benefit to expire, I will have to make some hard choices and reconsider my options for growth and expansion. **(USE YOUR OWN STORY)**.

Texas is an exemplary place to live with a business-friendly environment. Craft distilling has grown rapidly in this state in part because of reductions in our federal excise tax. I urge you to support the passage of the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform that is crucial for the distilling industry’s viability and ongoing success.

If you should have any questions, of if you’d like to visit my distillery the next time you are in the district, please don’t hesitate to contact me directly at **(EMAIL)** or at **(DIRECT PHONE NUMBER).**

Cheers!

**(SIGNATURE)**

**(NAME)**

**(TITLE)**

**(DISTILLERY NAME)**