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The Honorable Roy Blunt  
United States Senate  
260 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Blunt and Senator Wyden:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)—the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states—thank you for your leadership in introducing the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act (S.236) that would simplify and reform the federal excise taxes on beer, cider, wine and distilled spirits.

Manufacturers are strong advocates for reform of our outdated and complicated federal tax system. While your legislation applies only to a segment of the manufacturing industry, it represents a step forward in our goal of comprehensive tax reform. We applaud your efforts to propose a viable plan that will simplify and reduce taxes on a growing industry that employs millions of America's workers.

Developing potential solutions to difficult questions in the tax reform discussion will help us achieve our goal. Thank you again for your leadership on this important legislation. We look forward to working with you and your staff to advance this legislation and additional, pro-growth, pro-manufacturing, comprehensive tax reform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dorothy Coleman'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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