**State Guild Letter Template:   
Co-Sponsor Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act**

On behalf of the *< State Guild Name>* and the more than <#> of distilleries located in our state, we are writing to ask that you co-sponsor the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act (H.R 1175/S.362). This important legislation would permanently establish reduced federal excise taxes and modernized regulations for brewers, cider makers, distillers and vintners across the United States.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of over 300 members of the House and 56 members of the Senate that co-sponsored identical legislation last Congress, a two-year version of the bill was included in legislation that was signed into law at the end of 2017. However, without action by this Congress the provisions will expire at the end of this year.

Distillers in *<state>* have invested millions of dollars into their businesses and as a result *<state>* has reaped the benefits of increased tourism and economic development. Distillers, brewers, cider makers and vintners are active participants in their communities, catalysts for economic development and tourism, and job creators. Distillers are reporting that they are using the tax savings provided by the two-year tax cuts to reinvest directly back into their businesses by purchasing new equipment and hiring new employees; and manufacturing and supply chain partners are also seeing a positive impact.

The federal excise tax is an excessive tax burden on our sector and the time to revamp this system is long overdue. We stand ready to work with you and ask that you become a co-sponsor of the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act (H.R. 1175/S.362).

Sincerely,

*<State Guild Name>*