

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 9, 2020

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary of the Treasury
United States Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

We write today to ask that you defer all deadlines for collecting federal excise taxes on domestic and imported beverage alcohol through December 31, 2020. We appreciate the Department of the Treasury's decision to delay these deadlines by 90 days. Alcohol manufacturers play a critical role in the American economy and are closely tied to other sectors impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis, including the retail, hospitality, restaurant, agriculture, and tourism industries. The alcohol industry workforce, supply chain, and its consumers are currently facing an extraordinary amount of disruption, and we want to work with you to provide immediate relief and stability.

We appreciate your recent actions to support the alcohol beverage industry, we now ask that you defer the collection of all federal excise taxes for the industry for the remainder of calendar year 2020. Please also consider deferring the accrual of any interest or penalties that might occur from the deferral of federal excise taxes.

Your immediate action to provide this temporary federal excise tax relief will bring much-needed liquidity and certainty to the beer, wine, and spirits industry and its workforce. We are willing to discuss additional ways to accomplish how to best support all the hardworking Americans whose livelihoods are at stake - from barley, apple, grain, and grape growers to bartenders and local small business owners.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



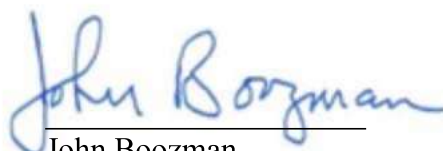
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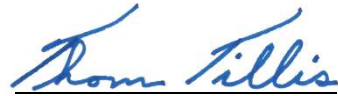
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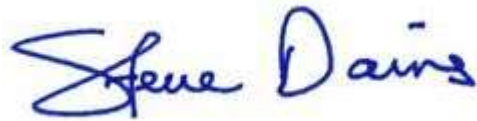
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