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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Reid:

American small businesses are the engines of our economy and I believe that if we give them a fair shot we can build stronger economic growth, create jobs and raise incomes for working families in our country.

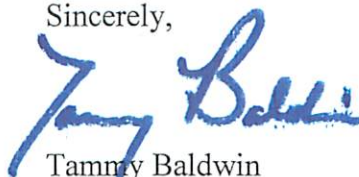
I write to express my strong support for the Senate seizing an opportunity to pass small business tax reform this week to help grow our economy. The Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act is a tax reform that promotes continued job creation in breweries throughout Wisconsin and the country. And as a proud cosponsor of the bill, I urge you to include it as an amendment to tax legislation expected to be added to the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2016.

The Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act cuts taxes and modernizes outdated regulations for craft brewers, cider makers, vintners and distillers. In addition to providing tax relief, it reduces burdens for brewers by simplifying beer formulation approvals and exempting common beer ingredients from a lengthy approval process. It also allows for increased collaboration between brewers by removing restrictions on tax-free transfers of beer.

An expanded wine producer credit will cover more wineries and promote regional growth within this industry. Reduced taxes for craft distilleries will help these small businesses get off the ground. Finally, exempting these producers from complex tax rules for aged products will help level the playing field between U.S. businesses and their international competitors.

This tax reform has broad bipartisan support in Congress and would be a win for breweries, wineries and distilleries across the country. By supporting these small businesses with tax and regulatory relief, we can make it easier for craft beverage makers to grow their businesses, create jobs, and help move our economy forward.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator

Cc: Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, Senate Finance Committee
Ranking Member Ron Wyden, Senate Finance Committee