



December 5, 2019

The Honorable Senator John Cornyn
The United States Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn,

We are writing on behalf of the 24 distilleries, grain producers, and allied trade members of the Texas Whiskey Association. Our organization exists to encourage the growth of the entire Texas whiskey industry from grain-to-glass-to-consumer. You many have recently seen our members featured in the cover story of the November 2019 Issue of *Texas Monthly* titled "The Great Texas Whiskey Boom." The article chronicles the past decade of growth of the Texas Whiskey industry and how our members are cultivating products and passionate advocates that rival the great whiskey producing regions of the world. In short, Texas whiskey makers are doing what Texans do best — leading.

We know that Texas is, and for generations to come will be, regarded as one of the premier global locations for the production and appreciation of whiskey. However, this "boom" is at risk due to the eminent expiration of the Craft Beverage Modernization & Tax Reform Act (CBMTRA) on December 31, 2019. **If this tax-reducing measure is not renewed and made permanent, excise taxes on our state's whiskey makers will increase by 400%.** This will absolutely result in lost jobs and could drastically damage one of the greatest boom industries in Texas history.

We ask that you support the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act (H.R 1175/S.362) or any other vehicle that renews today's tax rates and work with Congressional leadership to pass something BEFORE Congress leaves for the holiday recess in December. This bipartisan legislation has the support of 323 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and 73 Senators. In a time of political gridlock, this is something that everyone should be able to get behind and enact before it's too late. **#DontStopTheBoom**

Sincerely yours,

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