



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

December 19, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Speaker Pelosi,

I write to you today to express my gratitude over providing vineyards, distilleries, and small and independent craft breweries across New Hampshire with much-needed certainty brought by the one-year extension of the recalibrated federal excise tax (FET) rates, related to beer, wine, and distilled spirits in H.R. 1865.

The recalibration of FET rates in 2018 resulted in considerable annual tax savings for the industry and has spurred investment in workforce expansion, along with a surge of independent beverage manufacturers, making new jobs available for hardworking Granite Staters. Collectively, the industry has contributed over \$450 million to New Hampshire's economy and supports thousands of jobs. The impact of these businesses on the Granite State and the communities they call home extends far beyond that.

Therefore, I to urge you to swiftly pass S.362, the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2019. The passage of this critical legislation would not only prevent these types of businesses from facing considerable financial burden posed by not recalibrating the FET rates, but would allow for continued investment in our economy, employees, and all who call the Granite State home.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor