



America's Beer
Distributors

November 3, 2011

The Honorable Jim Jordan
The Republican Study Committee
1524 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Jordan,

On behalf of the nearly 3,000 beer distributors across America, I applaud your efforts to simplify the tax code and make it easier for small businesses to operate in the United States.

NBWA was pleased to see the inclusion of the Taxpayer Choice Act in the *Jobs Through Growth Act*. Business income for privately-held businesses like beer distributorships flows through to individual tax returns. Reducing individual tax rates and simplifying the tax code would leave beer distributors more money to reinvest in their businesses and relieve them from some of the burdensome tax paperwork that now diverts resources.

We were especially pleased to see Representative Kevin Brady's proposed permanent estate tax repeal (H.R. 1259) included in your proposal. Repealing the estate tax would bring much needed certainty and would help our members better plan for the long-term continuity of their family businesses.

We welcome your efforts to expand small business regulatory exemptions to companies with up to 200 employees and encourage you to go even farther. Many beer distributorships that have been in operation for generations have exceeded 200 employees but nonetheless remain small businesses that are a valuable part of local communities across America.

America's beer distributors appreciate your commitment to improving the business environment and applaud your efforts to develop meaningful legislation. NBWA believes the *Jobs Through Growth Act* is an important step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Purser