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The Honorable John Thune
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Thune:

On behalf of American Beverage Licensees (ABL) and its nearly 20,000 members, thank you for introducing S. 1183, the *Death Tax Repeal Act of 2013*, to permanently repeal the estate tax.

Last year, ABL supported the provisions in the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 including a \$5 million estate tax exemption, indexed for inflation, permanent lower tax rates and provisions for spousal transfer and stepped-up basis.

While these changes represent significant reform to the estate tax rules, ABL has long held the belief that the best way to protect all family-owned businesses from the estate tax is by repealing it permanently. Your efforts today will help multigenerational bars, taverns and package liquor stores keep their identities as truly local small businesses, and help them grow to meet their customers' needs.

Thank you for your continued work to support America's family businesses and the communities they serve. We look forward to working with you to advance this important issue.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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