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WITNESS NAME: ADAM KAZDA		PHONE NUMBER: 314-255-9489	
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CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63118
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 12:00 AM	
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CURT MARSHALL		PHONE NUMBER: 720-281-4664	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: TIE & TIMBER BEER CO		TITLE: CEO	
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Missouri's local craft breweries are small businesses that create jobs, spark tourism, and strengthen our communities. By reducing the excise tax, these brewers can reinvest in their operations—expanding facilities, hiring more workers, and developing new products—despite rising costs from 25% tariffs on stainless steel, aluminum, and possibly Canadian barley. A lower tax rate will help keep Missouri competitive, encourage new brewery startups, and ensure craft beer remains affordable and accessible to consumers. We respectfully urge swift passage of this bill to protect our small businesses, safeguard local jobs, and preserve the state's thriving craft beer culture.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: DAVID DEATON		PHONE NUMBER: 636-230-8277	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: STEAMPUNK BREW WORKS		TITLE: OWNER	
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CITY: TOWN AND COUNTRY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63017
EMAIL: dave@steampunkbrewworks.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 1:12 PM

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Lower excise taxes can help prevent price hikes on craft beer, keeping it affordable for consumers. Lowering the excise tax will work towards allowing us to reinvest in our businesses, expand operations, and hire more employees.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID JACKSON		PHONE NUMBER: 314-406-2933	
REPRESENTING: GREATER STL, INC.		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: PO BOX 1865			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65102
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 12:00 AM	

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WITNESS NAME: DAVID OVERFELT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-6006	
REPRESENTING: ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF MISSOURI		TITLE:	
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CITY: JC		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
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WITNESS NAME: DAVID OVERFELT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-6006	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI GROCERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: dsoverfelt@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 9:38 AM
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The Missouri Grocers Association			



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID OVERFELT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-6006	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI RETAILERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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The Missouri Retailers Support HB 1041.			



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: DON GOSEN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-409	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: COPPER MULE DISTILLERY		TITLE: OWNER	
ADDRESS: 2258 HWY 100			
CITY: HERMANN		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65041
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 12:00 AM	

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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ELLIOTT IVORY		PHONE NUMBER: 913-669-0350	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: VINE STREET BREWING CO.		TITLE: CO-OWNER	
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This Taz decrease would benefit Vine Street Brewing Co. By freeing up funds to invest back into our employees and community.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: GARY HINEGARDNER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-216-3572	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: WOOD HAT SPIRITS		TITLE: OWNER	
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CITY: NEW FLORENCE		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63363
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WITNESS NAME: JACOB HAFNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jake@thecivillife.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 12:48 PM
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As a member of the Missouri Brewing Community for 14 years, I can tell you first hand the challenges facing small brewers are as great as they have ever been. A modification of fees imposed on barrels of malt liquor would be one sliver of hope in what has become an increasingly difficult proposition for small brewers like myself to return to financial viability and remain in business. We have 10 full time and 13 part-time employees and have been directly impacted by the exceptionally competitive market, changes in consumer habits and the rise of THC beverages. At this point, any help in a reduction of taxes would be some extra money we could utilize for bills and most importantly to continue supplying good full and part time jobs to the 23 people that are employed here.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JACOB HUMMEL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2115	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI AFL-CIO		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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Honorable Representatives of the Committee, The Missouri AFL-CIO supports Missouri companies that have, and will continue to use Missouri workers and use our agricultural products to make their products and support our local communities. We ask for a "yes" vote on HB 1041.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JOSHUA LEE STACY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-426-2337	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PUBLIC HOUSE BREWING COMPANY		TITLE: CEO	
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As a proud member of Missouri's craft brewing industry, I strongly support HB 1041, which seeks to lower the excise tax on beer. This legislation is critical to the continued success of local breweries that play a vital role in our communities by creating jobs, driving tourism, and fostering economic growth. Reducing the excise tax will allow craft brewers to reinvest in their businesses—expanding operations, hiring more employees, and continuing to innovate with new and exciting products. At a time when breweries are facing mounting financial pressures, including newly imposed 25% tariffs on stainless steel and aluminum that have significantly increased equipment and packaging costs, this tax relief is more necessary than ever. Beyond supporting existing breweries, this bill will make Missouri a more competitive and attractive place for new breweries to open and thrive. By reducing the tax burden, we can ensure that our state remains a leader in the craft beer industry, strengthening our local economy and positioning Missouri as a hub for craft brewing. Additionally, the rising costs of key brewing inputs—such as the potential 25% Canadian tariffs on barley—threaten to drive up production expenses. Without relief, these challenges could stifle growth, increase prices for consumers, and put undue strain on small brewers working to stay afloat. By passing this bill, Missouri can support small businesses, protect jobs, and help ensure that consumers continue to have access to high-quality, locally brewed craft beer at an affordable price. This legislation is not just an investment in breweries—it's an investment in our state's economy and culture. I urge lawmakers to support HB 1041 and stand with Missouri's craft breweries in securing a thriving future for our industry. Joshua Stacy, CEO Public House Brewing Company Rolla, MO



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WITNESS NAME: LUKE REED		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-3511	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY		TITLE:	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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WITNESS NAME: MEGAN KNAUS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-623-7031	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SIDE PROJECT BREWING		TITLE: BUSINESS MANAGER	
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CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63143
EMAIL: megan@sideprojectbrewing.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 4:22 PM

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The cost of being a small craft brewery of the last few years has increased dramatically. With tariffs on stainless steel and aluminum products increasing, along with proposed tariffs on other imported raw materials, breweries need all the assistance possible to save in all areas. Lowering excise tax can help breweries like Side Project keep growing and thriving in an uncertain time.



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WITNESS NAME: NATE ARTINGER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: nateartinger@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 1:00 PM
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In a struggling beverage industry across the country as well as our state. These tax breaks help us continue to navigate through a tough economy little by little as every penny counts as we've found ourselves coming off a few rough years in the beverage industry. Our independent brewers operating in the State of MO need all the help we can get to avoid more closures than breweries closing.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: PHILLIP WAGES		PHONE NUMBER: 417-293-3119	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: WAGES BREWING COMPANY		TITLE: MANAGING MEMBER/OWNER	
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Reducing excise tax burden on Missouri beer manufacturers would result in us reinvesting that money into the business with expanded operations and increased hiring (jobs). This is especially important as we look at tariffs that will increase our cost of doing business (specifically on aluminum and brewing components such as barley).



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REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: RON LEONE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-864-5189	
REPRESENTING: MPCA-MO PETROLEUM AND CONVENIENCE ASSOC		TITLE:	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT E. RAMSHAW		PHONE NUMBER: 314-267-4992	
REPRESENTING: UA 562 PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS		TITLE:	
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CITY: EARTH CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63045
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 12:00 AM	

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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT WUEST		PHONE NUMBER: 417-676-0561	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BEASTIE COMPANY LLC DBA TURKEY CREEK BREWERY		TITLE: OWNER	
ADDRESS: 105 STONERIDGE DR			
CITY: BRANSON		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65616
EMAIL: scottw@turkeycreekbrewery.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 11:42 AM

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Statement in Support of House Bill 1041 To the Honorable Members of the Missouri House of Representatives: I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1041, which seeks to lower the excise tax on Missouri's craft breweries. This legislation is essential for supporting small businesses, keeping Missouri competitive, protecting local breweries from rising costs, and ensuring consumer choice and affordability. Supporting Missouri's Small Businesses: Missouri's more than 160 local craft breweries are more than just places to enjoy a quality beer—they are vital small businesses that create jobs, drive tourism, and invest in their communities. Lowering the excise tax will provide these businesses with much-needed financial relief, allowing them to expand, hire more employees, and continue developing innovative products. Keeping Missouri Competitive: A reduced tax burden will make Missouri a more attractive location for new breweries to open and for existing ones to thrive. Strengthening the craft beer industry will contribute to the state's overall economic growth, ensuring Missouri remains a leader in the industry. Protecting Breweries from Rising Costs: Recent 25% tariffs on stainless steel and aluminum have significantly increased costs for brewing equipment, kegs, and packaging. Additionally, potential Canadian tariffs on key brewing ingredients, such as barley, could drive up costs even further. Craft breweries, especially small and independent ones, need tax relief now more than ever to sustain their operations and continue serving their communities. Encouraging Consumer Choice and Affordability: By lowering the excise tax, House Bill 1041 will help prevent rising prices on craft beer, keeping it accessible and affordable for consumers. A thriving craft beer industry enhances Missouri's cultural and economic landscape, and this bill ensures continued growth and accessibility. For these reasons, I urge you to support House Bill 1041 and stand with Missouri's craft breweries. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Scott Wuest, Owner Turkey Creek Brewery Business Address: 1865 US Bus. 65, Hollister, MO 65672 Home Address: 105 Stoneridge Dr., Branson, MO 65616 Cell Phone: 417-676-0561 email: scottw@turkeycreekbrewery.com



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WITNESS NAME: SHERRY WOHLGEMUTH		PHONE NUMBER: 573-824-2935	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI CRAFT BREWERS GUILD		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65205
EMAIL: sherry@mocraftbeer.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 5:22 PM	
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The Missouri Craft Brewers Guild, a small non-profit trade association representing more than 160 small and independent craft breweries in the state of Missouri, is testifying in support of HB 1041 for the following reasons. It supports Missouri's Small Businesses:- Local craft breweries are small businesses that create jobs, drive tourism, and invest in their communities.- Lowering the excise tax will help craft brewers reinvest in their businesses, allowing them to expand, hire more employees, and innovate new products.- With newly added 25% tariffs on stainless steel and aluminum, breweries are facing higher equipment and packaging costs, making tax relief even more essential. It Keeps Missouri Competitive:- Reducing the tax burden will make Missouri a more attractive place for new breweries to open and existing ones to grow, strengthening the state's economy. It Protects Breweries from Rising Costs:- The newly added 25% tariffs on stainless steel and aluminum mean higher costs for brewing equipment, kegs, and cans—increasing financial pressure on small brewers.- Potential 25% Canadian tariffs on inputs like barley could drive up ingredient costs, making it more expensive to produce craft beer.- With these challenges, Missouri breweries need every break they can get to continue operating, growing, and serving their communities. It Encourages Consumer Choice and Affordability:- A lower excise tax could help prevent price increases on craft beer, making it more accessible for consumers.- By keeping Missouri craft beer affordable, the bill ensures continued growth in the state's craft beer culture.



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WITNESS NAME: TYSON HUNT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-673-4961	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: LOGBOAT BREWING COMPANY		TITLE: CEO	
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CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65201
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To whom it may concern:I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1041, which proposes a reduction in excise taxes for breweries of all sizes across Missouri. This legislation will have a significant impact on our ability to reinvest in our businesses, fostering growth and sustainability within the industry.Local breweries play a vital role in our economy by creating jobs, driving tourism, and strengthening the communities we serve. However, we are currently facing substantial financial pressures, including a 25% tariff on essential materials such as stainless steel and aluminum—key components for kegs, cans, and brewing equipment. Additionally, potential Canadian tariffs on ingredients like barley could further escalate production costs.Breweries already operate under high equipment and packaging costs, making tax relief more critical than ever. By reducing our tax burden, Missouri can become an even more attractive destination for new breweries to launch and for existing ones to expand. A thriving craft beer industry not only bolsters local economies but also reinforces Missouri's standing as a premier beer state.Furthermore, lowering excise taxes will help prevent unnecessary price increases on craft beer, keeping it accessible for consumers and preserving the vibrant beer culture that defines our state. I urge you to support HB 1041 and ensure Missouri's craft beer industry continues to flourish.Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am Opposed to this Bill and Legislation. This Bills is slanted for Special-Interest and cuts the State short on collecting enough revenues to perform the proper tests and action to ensure total Consumer Protections. Defeat this awful Bill!



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WITNESS NAME: TIMOTHY FABER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this bill because I do not believe the cost of inspecting and gauging of malt liquors has decreased. I have no problem with charging foreign import malt liquor a higher fee than domestic, but I believe that should be attained by increasing the fee for foreign import, not by decreasing the fee for domestic.