

DISTILLED SPIRITS & TEXAS

- | The first Texas distillery was established in 1995.
- | Today, Texas has over 150 distilleries – up from 8 in 2008.
- | Texas distillers make whiskeys, rums, vodkas, and specialty spirits.

Texas Distillers Support the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act.

If Congress doesn't pass the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act by the end of the year, craft distillers could face a **400% tax increase**. That would force many distillers to close their doors.

Texas Distillers Annually Support

JOBS
87,307

STATE GDP
Over \$7.8B

STATE EXPORTS
Over \$32M

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The Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act enabled my business to grow from 11 to 40 employees over the past few years. Additionally, we were able to acquire one of the largest custom-built potstills in North America. Finally, distilled spirits producers are now taxed on par with wineries and breweries. If this legislation is not permanently renewed, it will be devastating for our industry.

— **Dan Garrison, Proprietor,**
Garrison Brothers Distillery,
Austin, Texas

Principally, the Federal Excise Tax reduction has allowed our Company - Balcones Distilling LLC - to reinvest all of our excise tax savings back into additional personnel, production upgrades, as well as sales and marketing activities.

— **Keith Bellinger, President and COO,**
Balcones Distilling,
Waco, Texas

As the President of the Texas Distilled Spirits Association I receive calls weekly from fellow distillers across Texas who are dependent on the CBMTRA bill being extended. The CBMTRA was not designed to be a tax cutting bill but more so a job creating and business expansion bill and it is working not only in Texas but across the entire country.

— **Mike Cameron, President and Co-Founder,**
Devils River Whiskey,
San Antonio, Texas

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