Ohio distillers support the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act (H.R. 1175/S. 362). If Congress doesn’t enact the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act by the end of the year, craft distillers could face a 400% tax increase. Combined with current financial uncertainty, that would force many distillers to permanently close their doors.

Economic Data

- In 2014, there were 20 distilleries in Ohio.
- Just five years later, the number of distilleries in Ohio had tripled to 65 in 2019.
- Ohio distillers make whiskeys, gins, vodkas, brandies, and specialty spirits.
“Continuing the federal excise tax reduction is essential to continuing our plans for expansion here at Cleveland Whiskey. We're designing a new and significantly expanded facility, intend to double our staff and make some serious technology investments and it’s the tax savings that allow us to grow.”

- **Tom Lix**  
  *Cleveland Whiskey*  
  Cleveland, Ohio

"The temporary reduction of the excise tax allowed for us to add jobs, provide medical benefits to our full-time employees, and invest in more production equipment — in turn utilizing significantly more locally sourced agricultural products. Should the excise tax expire without renewal, these critical investments (and the momentum they generate) would be at risk.”

- **Brady Konya**  
  *Middle West Spirits*  
  Columbus, Ohio