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The Honorable <FIRST NAME> <LAST NAME>

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative <LAST NAME>:

As the owner of <BUSINESS NAME> in <CITY>, I write to respectfully request your support in urging the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to refrain from increasing and expanding unfair and harmful tariffs on European Union (EU) alcohol products. Further, I encourage you to request that the USTR move toward quickly removing these tariffs altogether to prevent further harm to my business and customers.

These tariffs – 25% on imports of Single Malt Scotch Whisky; Single Malt Irish Whiskey from Northern Ireland; liqueurs and cordials from Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain, and United Kingdom; and certain wines from France, Germany, Spain and United Kingdom – have resulted in serious economic harm to American bars, taverns and liquor stores; their employees; and their customers.

As many beverage businesses fight for survival during a once-in-a-decade pandemic, now is not the time to further harm them with tariffs that are completely unrelated to trade disputes concerning aircraft subsidies or other commodities.

Rather than increasing retaliatory tariffs rates or imposing such tariffs on additional beer, wine and spirits items, USTR should reduce, if not eliminate altogether, these tariffs in order to provide greater certainty for Main Street hospitality businesses that are already facing a devasting economic downturn.

I urge you to write a letter to USTR Ambassador Robert Lighthizer opposing these tariffs and additionally post your letter on the USTR Portal for public comments at: <https://comments.ustr.gov/s/docket?docketNumber=USTR-2020-0023>

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

<NAME>

<BUSINESS>

<CITY, STATE>