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ABL Statement on House Passage of the Common Cents Act

BETHESDA, MD – American Beverage Licensees (ABL) issued the following statement after the U.S. House of Representatives passed the bipartisan Common Cents Act ([H.R. 3074](#)) on July 14:

"ABL commends the House of Representatives for approving the bipartisan Common Cents Act, an important step toward modernizing the nation's coinage system. This practical reform provides retailers and consumers with a clear, consistent framework for cash transactions.

"Independent beverage alcohol retailers process millions of cash transactions each year. Establishing a uniform national framework for rounding cash purchases after the penny is phased out will provide certainty for local bars, taverns and package liquor stores, reduce operational complexity, and help ensure a smooth transition for retailers and consumers alike.

"ABL is proud to support the Common Cents Act – working alongside a broad coalition of Main Street trade associations – and looks forward to continuing those efforts in the Senate.

"ABL thanks House Republican Conference Chairwoman Lisa McClain (R-MI) and Representative Robert Garcia (D-CA) for their leadership in sponsoring the Common Cents Act, as well as House Financial Services Committee Chairman French Hill (R-AR) and Ranking Member Maxine Waters (D-CA), and the bipartisan Members of Congress who supported its passage."

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American Beverage Licensees is the preeminent national trade association for beverage alcohol retailers. Direct retail beverage alcohol sales in the United States generate more than 2.03 million well-paying jobs. ABL's thousands of on-premise and off-premise licensee members are independent and often family-owned establishments. The beverage retailing industry pays over \$27.9 billion in federal taxes and \$20.0 billion in state and local taxes. To learn more about ABL, visit www.ablusa.org.