



# 2026 Hill Climb

## Federal Legislative Asks

1. **Co-sponsor and pass the Brews to Barns Act (H.R. )** to provide targeted, direct excise tax relief for independent craft breweries by incentivizing the donation of spent grain to local farms and ranches.

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2. **Support common-sense regulatory and tax relief**, including:

- a. Updating outdated excise tax rules to reduce paperwork, filing frequency, and compliance costs for craft brewers.
- b. Ensuring penalties and loss of tax benefits apply only to willful violations, not minor or inadvertent errors.
- c. Clarifying and modernizing regulatory standards to better reflect real-world brewery operations and structures.

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3. **Co-sponsor and pass the Credit Card Competition Act (S.3623/H.R.7035)** to inject competition into the credit card market and consequently bring down credit card fees.

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4. **Co-sponsor and pass the Creating Hospitality Economic Enhancement for Restaurants and Servers (CHEERS) Act (S. /H.R. )** to incentivize hospitality businesses to invest in their draft beer program.

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5. As American manufacturing businesses, we support trade practices that bolster local businesses, jobs, and the communities. Tariffs on essential brewing inputs like aluminum, steel, and ingredients increase costs for small and independent brewers already operating on thin margins.

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6. Should Congress permit the sale of intoxicating hemp or other THC products, it must do so within a comprehensive regulatory and tax system that creates an even playing field and products consumers and the public.

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**7. Support fiscal year 2027 appropriations funding for:**

- a. The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.
- b. United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service for hops and barley.
- c. USDA's Resilient Barley Initiative and the Barley Pest Initiative.

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**8. Join the Small Brewers Caucus**

and visit your local breweries.