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The Honorable Debbie Dingell  
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Dear Representatives Rice and Dingell and Senators Luján and Scott:

On behalf of the Beer Institute, representing America's brewers, beer importers, and industry suppliers, I am writing to express our support of H.R. 2138 and S. 1331 – the HALT Drunk Driving Act and the Reduce Impaired Driving for Everyone (RIDE) Act. For the past several decades, the Beer Institute has lent its support to legislation and programs that address drunk driving. However, more progress is necessary, and enactment of the HALT and RIDE Acts would be helpful as we continue to work to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, drunk driving fatalities.

The Beer Institute especially believes in the importance of keeping drunk drivers off our nation's roads. The use of advanced technology to detect impairment shows promise as a solution to this problem. The HALT and RIDE Acts will federally mandate safety standards and drive this vital technology toward implementation in all new automobiles.

Our industry believes drunk driving is 100 percent preventable. In 2019, drunk driving-related deaths reached the lowest percentage since 1982 when NHTSA started reporting alcohol data. Despite the 52 percent decrease from 1982 to 2019, there is certainly more work to be done. New technology ultimately may help prevent not just drunk driving but drugged, distracted, and fatigued driving, as well.

The HALT and RIDE Acts would help bring this technology to American automobiles and is fundamental to preventing impaired driving fatalities in the future.

Sincerely,

Jim McGreevy  
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