

Dear [MLA Name],

As your constituent in [City/Riding], I am writing to urge your immediate action on reforming BC's outdated beer tax structure that is devastating our local craft brewing industry.

Over 20 BC craft breweries have closed this year alone, with many more hanging by a thread. This crisis stems from a backwards tax system that favours foreign-owned beer giants while penalizing our homegrown breweries that employ over 6,000 people across 70 BC communities.

The current system is fundamentally unfair:

- Foreign-owned mega breweries have received \$60 million in tax rebates since 2016, despite their profits leaving Canada
- Foreign-owned conglomerates also enjoy a flat tax rate, no matter how much more they produce
- Meanwhile, craft breweries face escalating tax rates as they grow, penalizing success

While other provinces like Ontario, Alberta, and Saskatchewan have reformed their systems to support craft brewers, BC continues subsidizing foreign-owned corporations with taxpayer dollars.

The BC Craft Brewers Guild has proposed a revenue-neutral solution that would save craft breweries \$16.3 million annually—money they would reinvest in local jobs, ingredients, and growth.

When we lose breweries, we lose more than businesses. We lose community gathering places, local jobs, and economic anchors in towns across our province. From [mention local brewery if applicable] to breweries throughout BC, these businesses are vital to our communities' social and economic fabric.

I urge you to advocate within government for immediate action on this tax reform. BC's craft brewing industry has been a success story for 15 years. Let's not watch it collapse due to an unfair tax system.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response on how you will work to protect BC's craft brewers.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your Email]