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## **TALKING POINTS FOR WHY CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD OPPOSE HR 5034**

### **Washington Wine Institute – May 2010**

- States already have broad authority to regulate the sale and control of alcohol, and Courts have consistently upheld that authority.
- H.R. 5034 would tilt the balance and allow states to pass discriminatory laws, which could have a devastating impact on Washington's wineries who rely on open markets to ship their wines to customers in other states.
- New federal legislation is unnecessary and unwarranted as states can already accomplish their legitimate regulatory goals.