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## **IGPA Applauds Crapo Bill to Reduce Small Brewer Taxation**

**POCATELLO, Aug. 28, 2010** – Area malt barley growers joined Portneuf Valley Brewery general manager Penny Pink today to applaud Senator Mike Crapo for leading an effort to pass federal legislation seeking to reduce taxes on small craft breweries in Idaho.

Introduced in May by Crapo, including Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), Olympia Snowe (R-ME), and Ron Wyden (D-OR), S. 3339 would cut in half federal excise taxes on breweries producing less than six million barrels annually.

Easing the tax burden on small craft breweries would create new jobs and allow for additional purchases of locally sourced agricultural products including malt barley, a key ingredient in craft beers.

***“Idaho’s malt barley growers already supply the nations breweries with high quality product,”*** said IGPA president and barley grower Scott Brown of Soda Springs. ***“Any incentive that is good for our local buyers is good for our barley growers as well.”***

The group met with Sen. Crapo at the Portneuf Valley Brewing Company in Pocatello on Saturday afternoon to discuss and highlight the importance of the legislation. Also in attendance was Dan Kopman representing the Brewers Association based in Boulder, Colorado. Kopman provided those assembled a national perspective of the legislation’s impact on the craft brewing industry.

***“The Idaho Grain Producers Association is thankful for Sen. Crapo’s leadership in bringing farmers, brewers, and consumers together under one roof to pass this legislation”,*** said Brown. ***“We as barley growers are proud of what we do, and realize the value of the entire industry chain.”***

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