



To: Senate Judiciary Committee
From: Finley Bend Vineyard
Date: March 19, 2019
Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 111

I am writing to you today in strong opposition of Senate Bill 111. I am an Oregon farmer with property in the Grants Pass area with 140 acres of which 113 acres are dedicated to growing wine grapes. If SB 111 is passed it will have long term negative consequences on Oregon grape growers and therefore the entire Oregon wine industry as a whole. We have been growing significantly as an industry in Oregon over the last several years and SB 111 would be disastrous to our industry. While SB 111 does not forbid the sale of fruit to out of state buyers it sure discourages it by the additional mandatory labeling regulations put on the buyers by this bill and its amendments. Right now Oregon produces more fruit than the in-state wineries can process. Out of state buyers are vital to our livelihoods especially here in Southern Oregon. As for the labeling proposals in SB 111, the current TTB labeling regulations are more than adequate for the consumer to understand what wine they are purchasing, where the fruit was grown, harvested and vintified. It seems to send a message that the fruit that we work so hard to grow is of less importance once it crosses state lines to be made into wine. The other very harmful consequence of this bill is if the out of state buyers decide to cease purchasing Oregon fruit then all of that revenue that was brought to our state is now cut off. In no way do I see this helpful to the State of Oregon or the grape growers.

Thank you,

Brian Shuster

The following vineyards and wineries strongly oppose Senate Bill 111.

- Del Rio Vineyards
- A to Z
- Blue Haron
- Celtic Moon
- Dinsdale Vineyards
- Finley Bend Vineyard
- Firesteed
- Foris Winery
- Grestani Vineyards
- Hillcrest Vineyards
- Melrose Vineyards
- Naumes Vineyards and Winery
- North West Wine Co
- Padre Properties
- Pallet Wine Company
- Paul O'Brien Winery
- Shea Vineyards
- Siltstone Wines and Vinetenders
- Union Wine Company
- Wine Makers Investment Properties
- Wooldridge creek



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