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Dear Senator Thatcher:

Please pass SB1565! The survival of our tasting room depends on it. The taxes levied on our business are onerous, arbitrary, unsustainable, abusive, and absurd. The State does nothing for the taxes it levies on our tasting room sales, yet we receive only 17% of the sale proceeds. This bill would increase our "share" to 45%.

It is noteworthy that wineries and breweries pay no equivalent tax. This is a question of fairness.

We have temporarily closed our tasting room because it no longer makes economic sense to leave it open. Our efforts are better spent elsewhere. We are hoping this is a temporary closure!

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.

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Best,

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