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Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy
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Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy,



Recently the newly formed Ontario Artisan Wineries ("OAW") reached out to my office regarding the elimination of the LCBO Mark-up and Wine Levy on the Direct Delivery of 100% Ontario Non-VQA Wine to a Local Licensee ("LCBO Charges")

As I'm sure you are aware these LCBO Charges are preventing Non-VQA wineries, such as Green Gables Vines located in my riding, from selling wine directly to local licensees, such as restaurants and venues, which is limiting not only the development of local artisan wineries, but also local agri-tourism and rural diversification.

A delegation from North Glengarry council and OAW, along with our colleague, MPP Stephane Sarrazin, met with your office at the recent Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference.

This is a very important issue for rural ridings like mine and I would appreciate hearing from you on this important policy change. I would be pleased to discuss this directly with you when the Legislative Assembly returns later this month.

Kind Regards,

Yours truly,



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