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To Whom It May Concern,

As owner of Leisure Time Winery located in Napoleon Ohio, I am acutely aware of the issue of Sunday alcohol sales. Five years ago when we opened I was unaware that Leisure Time Winery was located in a dry township for Sunday sales. After being informed of this we contacted the Board of Elections in Henry county to find out what we needed to do to sell alcohol on Sunday. We were told that they could not really help us other than to contact the State of Ohio, and to hire a lawyer. After going to the website they suggested, I decided to attempt to submit the necessary paperwork on my own. We collected over two hundred signatures, well in excess of the required amount of signatures we were told we needed. Upon returning the paperwork to the Board of Elections we were told that the paperwork was filled out improperly and was not accepted.

It seems to me that if we were able to sell alcohol during the week, we should be able to sell alcohol on Sunday as well. Apparently this law dates back to prohibition which ended in December of 1933. It seems that even though it has been 86 years we are still saddled with this archaic legislation. I feel it is time that the State of Ohio recognizes what other neighboring states have done and change this law. We have great local support to have this law changed. I have been told that Sunday sales are second only to Saturday and this seems like a win for Ohio and for wineries across the state, allowing us to compete with neighboring states. Thank you for allowing me to express my views on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Shaver". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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