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This letter is in support of the \$.02 renewal of the excise tax on the sale of wine in the state of Ohio to support the Ohio Grape Industries Committee.

Funding is critical for Ohio's rapidly growing grape and wine industry. The number of wineries have more than doubled over the last decade. With 219 licensed A2 permit holders and 2,000 acres of grapes.

Funding supports marketing, production and research programs that benefit all of Ohio's grape growers and winemaker's.

The grape and wine industry in Ohio provides more than 5,200 full time jobs and \$786 million annually in economic impact to the state.

Thank You

Jim Arbaczewski



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