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Testimony  
By  
Representative Mary G. Fritz  
State Representative, 90<sup>th</sup> District  
On

H.B. 6473, An Act Expanding the Hours of Operation for Farm Wineries

February 24, 2009

Dear Senator Colapietro, Representative Shaprio and Honorable Members of the  
General Law Committee.

I am asking for your support on H.B. 6473, "An Act Expanding the Hours of  
Operation for Farm Wineries."

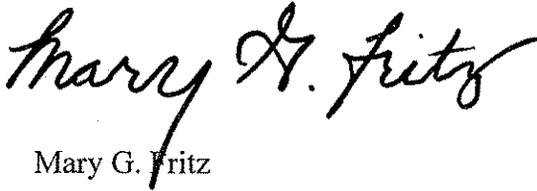
This bill is very important to one of my Wallingford wineries "Gouveia  
Vineyards." This faculty is used for many fund-raising functions by organizations in  
Wallingford and the surrounding area. Most of the functions, as you know, start with a  
cocktail hour followed by dinner and then festivities. The evening usually begins at 6 or  
6:30 pm and come 8 o'clock no more liquor can be served. This limited time period does

not give our organizations much time to raise the desperately needed money. Oh! Did I mention most of these groups are non-profits!

By expanding the hours you will not only be helping the many organizations that use Gouveia Vineyard but also the other vineyard facilities across the state.

Thanking you in advance for your support, I remain,

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary G. Fritz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Mary G. Fritz

State Representative, 90<sup>th</sup> District