

We, Preston Ridge Vineyard, are a member of the Connecticut Vineyard & Winery Association and are pleased with the traffic driven by our current signage. Given our rural location, however, we often spend a great deal of time on the phone trying to pass along appropriate directions to potential tourists/guests from within and outside of CT. The advent of GPS obviously assists in this issue somewhat, but the number of folks who are aiming for us, and miss our location, or spend extra time driving because of lack of directions is still too great. Added signage would provide a great help to guests in and off-season, most of whom will use a major highway to access the Wine Trail. Being that we are located near many of Connecticut's primary tourist attractions, Mohegan Sun, Foxwoods, Mystic Seaport and just off the CT shoreline, this Proposed Bill No. 5328 will only help our guests, and the many tourists that frequent this area, to more safely arrive at our and other vineyards and wineries in Connecticut.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cara Sawyer

Preston Ridge Vineyard