

Dear Sir / Madame,

We, as a member of the Connecticut Vineyard and Winery Association, and small business, have found the three CVWA signs to be helpful. However, since opening our winery and vineyards for Agro tourism in 2007, we have received numerous phone calls, for directions from tourists, particularly from nearby states, as to our location. We also hear about their journey thru hill and dale after they arrive. Our clients often have a brochure, rack card or drove by a Wine Trail sign but didn't know how to get to our winery. Yes, CT/DoAg's Winery Passport program is helpful. But it is seasonal, and helpful once it is in our clients hands. We are located between three of Connecticut's primary tourist attractions, Mohegan Sun, Foxwoods Resort and just north of Mystic Seaport. This Proposed bill No. 5328 will greatly help our guests, to more safely arrive at our and other vineyards and wineries in Connecticut.

As our small business is uniquely located in a small rural town, we would be greatly helped by additional directional signage. Particularly on Ct, Rt. 95. I have recently approached CT / DOT to request more directional signage. If your committee or member(s) of your committee would be able to help us obtain further directional signage, it would enhance our marketing capability as well as Connecticut's tax income. Tourists driving around in a car do burn gas but don't really enjoy Connecticut's bounty until they stop and stay awhile. I have attached a copy of my recent e-mail to Mr. Harlow of Ct's/DOT for your reference.

Sincerely,

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CC: Letter to CT/DOT 2-2-2015

Dear Mr. Harlow,

I am writing to request directional signage to help people reach our Vineyards and Winery. Maugle Sierra Vineyards, is located at 825 Ct. Rt. 117, in Ledyard, Connecticut, and is not in the main stream and as such needs directional signage. We have attached a map of our areas highways and a description of the proposed signage locations for your review and use.

We are requesting signage at the following intersections:

2 Signs at Ct Rt 2A & Ct Rt 12; and 1 Sign at Ct Rt 2A & Ct Rt 117

1 Sign at Ct Rt 12 & Ct. Rt 214; and 1 Sign at Ct Rt 2 & Ct. Rt 214

1 Sign at foot of each of the 2 ramps at Exit 88

1 Sign on Rt 95 Northbound before Exit 88, and 1 Sign on Rt 95 Southbound before Exit 88

I think the link below describes the ability to install additional directional signage in sections 12 & 13.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/ACT/PA/2014PA-00199-R00SB-00235-PA.htm>

It is my hope that we would be able to have some if not all of the above proposed signs installed before this spring season. If I can be of any help, or should you require more information from me please do not hesitate to contact me .