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To whom it may concern,

Sharpe Hill Vineyard is happy with the present situation in which wine is only sold in package stores. It has a good relationship with almost every package store in the state. The idea of allowing supermarkets to be able to sell only Connecticut wine sounds good on the surface but it seems clear to me that it is a ploy to eventually sell all wines. If litigated I am quite sure that a Connecticut law stating that only Connecticut wines can be sold in Connecticut supermarkets would be deemed unconstitutional.

I am afraid that if it should it come to pass that any wine can be sold in supermarkets the Connecticut vineyards will find themselves in the sad position of having to compete with the large national brands for a very limited shelf space. . . Also, having to deal with the large chain stores corporate structure will be massively more difficult than dealing with a package store owner. Therefore I don't favor changing the status quo.

Sincerely Yours,

Steven Vollweiler
President