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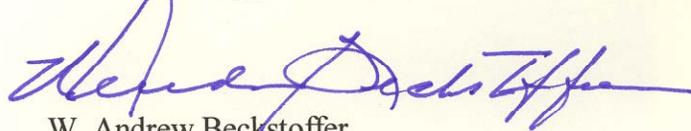
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Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
ATTN: Notice No. 49
P. O. Box 14412
Washington, D.C. 200440-4412

Dear Sir:

We are very much opposed to any change in the vintage dating regulation as proposed by the Wine Institute. We are aware of the consumer survey prepared by CAWG, and we very much believe that the consumer would be deceived importantly by this change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Andrew Beckstoffer", written over a light blue horizontal line.

W. Andrew Beckstoffer

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