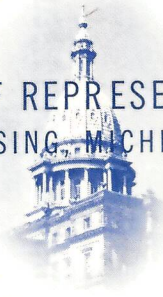


HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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December 10, 1980

Chief, Regulations & Procedures Div.  
B.A.T.F.  
P.O. Box 385  
Washington, D.C. 20044

Dear Sir:

I wholeheartedly support and endorse the proposals being fostered by Fenn Valley Vineyards in their efforts to designate the Fennville area as the Fennville Viti-cultural Area.

This endorsement is made on the basis of the ideal fruit climate, soil and topography of the area. Also, considered is the area's ability to produce noteworthy and superior wines. The commercial wines from this area have already received 50 awards in competition over the last four years.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Welborn  
State Representative

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December 16, 1980

Chief, Regulations and Procedures  
Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and  
Firearms  
P.O. Box 385  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the proposed rule that would establish "Fennville" as the first viticultural area in the State of Michigan.

As I understand the criteria for such an area, it would seem to me that the fruit climate, soil and topography of "Fennville" are ideally suited for designation. I state this because of the demonstrated ability of the one winery in "Fennville" to produce noteworthy wines. As you no doubt are aware, Fenn Valley Vineyards has won numerous awards in wine competition in recent years, awards that I know firsthand are well-deserved.

I strongly endorse the proposed rulemaking under 27 CFR Part 9 (Notice No. 353) and thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



Paul Hillegonds  
State Representative

PH/j

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# COUNTY OF ALLEGAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



113 CHESTNUT STREET • ALLEGAN • MICHIGAN • 49010

December 16, 1980

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
P. O. Box 385  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Sirs:

The Allegan County Board of Commissioners unanimously endorses the Fennville Viticultural Appellation Area designation as proposed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The hills, soils, and proximity to Lake Michigan of the western portion of Allegan County are very conducive to the production of fruit, as evidenced by its long tradition as being a prime fruit producing area.

The official designation and recognition of our wine growing potential will be a welcome assist to the marketing efforts of present and future wine growers in Allegan County.

Respectfully,



James S. Rolfe, Chairman  
Allegan County Board of Commissioners

JSR:jj

Encl.

cc Fenn Valley Vineyards

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December 17, 1980

Chief  
Regulations & Procedures Division  
B.A.T.F.  
P.O. Box 385  
Washington, D.C. 20044

Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that you are soliciting comments on the proposed Fennville Viticultural Area.

As the State Senator representing the Fennville area, I would like to urge your favorable consideration of this proposal. Western Michigan has long been known for its outstanding ability to produce various fruit crops. Because of Michigan's unique geography and proximity to the Great Lakes with their moderating effect, these fruit growing areas of Michigan are deserving of your review.

With kindest regards.

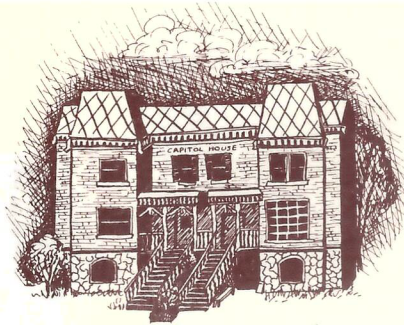
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Fredricks". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "E".

Ed Fredricks

EF/1

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Lansing, Mi. 48933  
(517) 374-6050



J. Dennis Burns  
Linda C. Smith  
J. Douglas Reece

## Capitol House Consultants, Ltd.

December 18, 1980

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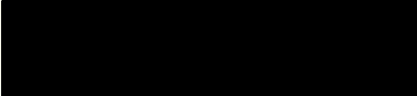
RE: Fennville Viticultural Area

As a governmental representative of the Michigan Wine Institute, I would like to take this opportunity to endorse the proposed Fennville Viticultural Area on the basis of it being an ideal fruit climate, having ideal soil and topography, as well as the demonstrated ability of the area to produce superior and noteworthy wines.

While the area presently only has one wine grower, commercial wines from the area have received over 50 awards in the past four years in competition with other wines from the eastern United States.

I hope this petition will be granted.

Respectfully yours,

  
J. Dennis Burns  
President

JDB:tk