



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
CHARLESTON 25305

GUS R. DOUGLASS
COMMISSIONER

February 7, 1986

Chief
FAA, Wine and Beer Branch
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
P.O. Box 385
Washington, DC 20044-0385

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the establishment of the Kanawha River Valley viticultural area in West Virginia. The designation of such an area will definitely enhance the existing vineyards in the proposed area and provide support to those who may be interested in beginning a vineyard or winery within the area.

I have reviewed the information presented in the "Federal Register", Volume 51, and I believe that it fully supports the concept that the proposed area is separate and distinct from the larger, Ohio River Valley viticulture area. I also strongly support the use of a West Virginia appellation of origin on the labels of wine produced in West Virginia.

Again, let me indicate my full support for the establishment of the Kanawha River Valley viticulture area. I feel it will be an assistance to the fledgling grape and wine industry in West Virginia. I look forward to its final approval.

I am

Very truly yours,


Gus R. Douglass
Agriculture Commissioner

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cc: William Gillespie
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Wilson Ward

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February 17, 1986

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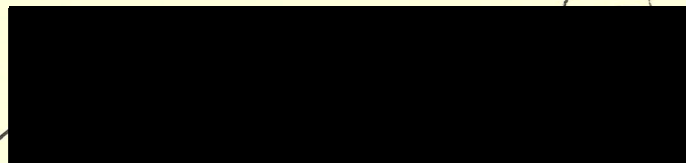
Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the Kanawha River Valley viticultural area. The proposed area is now included within the Ohio River Valley District, which is quite large.

The new proposed district should allow consumers to better identify products. I feel that it will also stimulate grape production within the Kanawha River Valley Area.

Again, let me indicate our full support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Wilson E. Ward
President

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