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Office of the Legislative Counsel

Subject:

Licencing feedback

To whom it may concern,

As the employee responsible for licencing and permits for Luckett Vineyards, I can say without a doubt, that the recent openness and desire to revaluate licencing requirements has been met with a great deal of support.

The idea of a licence being inclusive to an entire premises not only makes logical sense, it also takes the burden off vineyards to maintain separate staffing for areas within the same building.

While I do not think anyone would deny the benefit of clear and concise regulation to maintain the integrity and safety of our industry, there is no clear benefit to the "invisible line" between permitted and licenced areas. This line does not offer patrons additional safeties or ensure that licenced establishments are offering their products in a responsible manner. One governing body with a clear set of standards and regulations would provide our fiscally necessary tourist sector with an improved and substantially less convoluted experience while allowing staff to enforce and abide by a clear set of parameters that are inclusive to the manufacturing, sale and sampling of their products from start to finish. Any amendments that encourage and support manufacturers while maintaining and enforcing safety standards set by Alcohol and Gamming would certainly be a benefit to our industry and to tourism, which in turn, is a huge benefit to the province of Nova Scotia as a whole.

Thank you for your time and considerations, Sincerely,

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