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Director, Regulations and Rulings Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
ATTN: Notice No. 55
P.O. Box 14412
Washington D.C. 20044-44125

REF: TTB Notice No. 55- Proposed Saddle Rock-Malibu Viticultural Area

Dear Director:

I have lived in the Santa Monica Mountains for over 10 years and during my job I spend most of my days traveling from one end of the Santa Monica Mountains range to the other, mostly in the areas of Malibu, Agoura, Calabasas and Thousand Oaks.

Unquestionably there is a difference in terrain and climate from one area to the other. All you need to do is actually drive from area to the other to realize it as I have.

I am familiar with the Malibu – Newton Canyon AVA and also the Proposed Saddle Rock-Malibu Viticultural Area and enthusiastically agree with the actual proposal TTB Notice No. 55 and look forward to the Santa Monica Mountains having two AVA's instead of just the one.

If you would like to speak to me, please feel free to call me at 818-497-6514, thank you.

Sincerely yours,


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