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Director
Regulations and Ruling Division Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
ATTN: Notice # 55
P.O. Box 14412
Washington D.C. 20044-44125

Re: TTB Notice # 55 – Proposed Saddle Rock – Malibu Viticultural Area

To Whom It May Concern:

Please note that this letter serves as my support of the Proposed Saddle Rock – Malibu Viticultural Area.

I have lived in the Santa Monica Mountains for over 30 years. Additionally, I have been fortunate to have traveled through most of these mountains on horseback during these years.

I can speak with personal experience when I say that the proposed area of the Saddle Rock – Malibu Viticultural Area is distinctly different from the surrounding areas in climate and topography.

Regarding the name Saddle Rock, that is the name by which the Proposed Saddle Rock – Malibu Viticultural Area has always been known, for as long as I have lived in this area. Saddle Rock was always known as belonging to and being located in the Malibu Area. Therefore, the name that the TTB proposes is most appropriate.

If you would like to speak with me or have any questions, I can be reached at the contact information above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Gerson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "G".

Ruth Gerson
President
RECREATION AND EQUESTRIAN COALITION