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Dear Senator,

I am writing to urge you to vote against 6644, the bill that bans Michigan wineries and wine retailers [wrong – only retailers] from shipping directly to customers.

We need to encourage small business in Michigan, not put up roadblocks.

Regardless of the claims of the Liquor Control Commission and the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, the purpose of this bill to preserve MBWWA's monopoly in wine distribution. Evidence that the MBWWA's main concern is their own pocketbooks is their campaign contributions. They were 7th among all independent PACs in campaign expenditures this last year. Fourteen industry employees contributed over \$10,000 to the PAC. The top contributor, Sydney Ross, contributed \$52,000.

More on where the money came from and how it was spent may be found on my website, [www.stevharryforstaterep.org](http://www.stevharryforstaterep.org).

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