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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the proposed Federal Hop Marketing Order.

We have been told by dealers and brewers alike that until we, as growers get our act together, not to expect the market to improve. It has been proven that voluntary programs do not work and only by implementing a mandatory control program can we honestly expect to address the re-occurring over-production problem. Only then can we expect financial stability to return.

Please allow the process to move forward as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Gasseling". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Don Gasseling