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MP Kramp agrees with new motion to allow consumers to purchase wine direct from the wineries

OTTAWA – Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, supports Motion 601, tabled in the House of Commons by Ron Cannan, Member of Parliament for Kelowna-Lake Country which would amend the 1928 *Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act* to allow Canadian consumers to purchase wine directly from Canadian wineries.

The *Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act, 1928* prohibits the movement of wine through a provincial territory unless it is first consigned to provincial liquor authorities. The motion would amend the Act to allow for a personal exemption so that out of province consumers could purchase directly from wineries.

“My riding is well-known for its award-winning wineries”, said Mr. Kramp. “This motion would allow the consumer better access to these quality wines which would economically benefit our local wine producers.”

A growing grassroots movement to change the Act has triggered letter writing campaigns to provincial and federal representatives as well as a web campaign called freemygrapes.ca.

Mr. Cannan noted that the personal exemption would have a positive impact by enhancing consumer accessibility to Canadian wine and improving marketing options and sales to a larger consumer base for Canada’s wineries.

“Removing this interprovincial trade barrier is a win-win for Canadian wine producers and Canadian consumers,” said Cannan.

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Background Information

Wording of the Motion is as follows:

M-601 — November 25, 2010 — Mr. Cannan (Kelowna—Lake Country) — That, in the opinion of the House, the Canadian wine industry, the Canadian tourism industry and Canadian consumers would benefit from an amendment to the *Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act* to allow any person to import,

send, take or transport Canadian wine into any province or territory directly from a winery, liquor board, liquor commission or similar outlet for the sale of wine located in any other province or territory within Canada for consumption by that person and not for resale, further distribution, sale or for any use other than personal consumption

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