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**LAST STORE ON MAIN STREET COALITION PRAISES GOVERNOR CUOMO
FOR REJECTING JOB-KILLING WINE-IN-GROCERY-STORES SCHEME**

The following statement can be attributed to Jeff Saunders, founder of the Last Store on Main Street Coalition:

"By rejecting Wine in Grocery Stores, Governor Cuomo has closed the book on a bad idea that would have cost thousands of private-sector jobs, hurt New York wineries and increased underage drinking.

"Given that the State Legislature also rejected this job-killing idea in two consecutive sessions, Governor Cuomo's decision correctly recognizes that it's time to focus on smart ideas that can lift the entire New York wine industry.

"The New York wine industry adds more than \$3.5 billion to the state economy every year, but would generate even more jobs and revenues if we can increase consumer demand for New York wines here at home.

"We look forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature on sensible ideas to promote New York wines, which will create jobs by helping all New York wineries and retailers, increase wine tourism in every wine region and drive more revenue for the State."

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