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Dear Fellow Grape Growers & Winemakers:

The Lodi District Grape Growers Association's Board of Directors (LDGGA) represents over 750 growers and wineries spanning over 90,000 acres in Crush District 11. One of the association's primary objectives is to voice the concerns of its members on local, state, and federal issues.

We join the California Association of Winegrape Growers in its interest and alarm over the growing "misuse" of the American Appellation designation under a 1949 regulatory loophole. Consistently, we have come to the same conclusion; **there is no rational argument that the American Appellation designation should consist of anything less than 100% American grown grapes.**

We are asking for your support to change the American Appellation from 75 to 100% American grown grapes. If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director, Mary Jackson, (209) 339-8246 or email, [info@ldgga.org](mailto:info@ldgga.org). Thank you for your time and interest in this important matter.

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Lerner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kyle Lerner,  
President, Lodi District Grape Growers Association