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Dear City of Madison Alcohol License Review Committee,

Good afternoon. My name is Jason Makowski and I am the Vice Chair of the Board for ARTS for ALL Wisconsin. I am writing to you with my opposition for a liquor license for Paint Café owned by Hayes Place LLC at 1709 Aberg Avenue, Suite 2.

The proposed location is directly next door and shares restroom facilities with ARTS for ALL Wisconsin, a decades-old nonprofit with the mission to expand the capabilities, confidence, and quality of life for children and adults with disabilities by providing programs in the arts. It is also adjacent to the Vet Center, Kaylee's Garden Early Child Care and Education, FEED Kitchens, and the Dane County Job Center.

The approval of a liquor license for this Café I believe would likely result in a range of confusing local premises logistics and has the high potential to create negative experiences for ARTS for ALL Wisconsin patrons and staff.

ARTS for ALL Wisconsin uses its Aberg Avenue facility for multiple purposes, including in-person arts classes for people with disabilities ages 16 and up in the evenings during the week. Many of the participants for these programs are adults with developmental and cognitive disabilities.

I am deeply concerned about the proximity to ARTS for ALL Wisconsin for several reasons, especially because hours of operation overlap, and restroom facilities are shared. Specific concerns include the following:

- Hours of operation proposed by Paint Café include M-F from 5pm to 11pm. AFA holds in-person arts classes with people with disabilities ages 16 and up M-Th in the evenings. Paint Café shares restroom space with AFA, and we consider this a potential safety issue for our participants. AFA also serves people with mental illness and other invisible disabilities such as Post Traumatic Stress and consider the presence of people under the influence of alcohol a potential trigger.
- AFA holds events on weekends, and has events on Friday nights, including gallery openings, which include participants and artists with disabilities of all kinds.
- There are similar usage concerns with the front entrance to the business which shares a pickup and drop off area for in-person participants at AFA, many of whom use transportation services and have care staff with them. The potential overlap of Paint Café customers who

have been using alcohol with AFA participants with disabilities causes concern for their safety.

Sincerely,

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