

Hello,

I am writing in support of Sarah and Shon's application for a beer and wine permit for their restaurant on Monroe St. Full disclosure: I am Sarah's sister and Shon's sister-in-law. Sarah has familiarized me with the discussion surrounding this application, and I have read the emails posted on the ALRC site. I must say I am mystified by the sometimes vociferous opposition that has arisen to having a nice mom-and-pop BBQ restaurant on that block. It seems unfair to hold a restaurant serving beer and wine responsible for the public consumption that sometimes occurs at Vilas Park, or on Regent St on football Saturdays. If any staggering is done it will be by customers who had one too many slices of Sarah's delicious buttermilk pie, not the bottle of Lone Star they may have enjoyed with their meal. The restaurant will be closing by 9 pm; Sarah and Shon have a proven record as good neighbors in their former location; they operate a clean, friendly, family restaurant, not a disreputable roadhouse; and I can personally attest to Sarah's upbringing in a household from which the very concept of a neighborhood association originated, before most of the current neighborhood worthies were born. Sarah and Shon are hard workers, good employers, good people, and conscientious neighbors. They will be a great addition to the Monroe St neighborhood. I hope you approve their application.

Thank you,
Rebecca Leidner