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Hello,

I am writing with concerns regarding the liquor license for Paint Café owned by Hayes Place LLC at 1709 Aberg Avenue, Suite. The proposed location is directly next door to my workplace of six years. I am concerned about the proximity to ARTS for ALL Wisconsin for several reasons, especially because hours of operation overlap, parking and restroom facilities are shared. My main concerns are detailed below:

ARTS for ALL Wisconsin, a nonprofit with the mission to expand the capabilities, confidence, and quality of life for people with disabilities by providing programs in the arts, uses its Aberg Avenue facility for multiple purposes. Arts programming include in-person arts classes for people with disabilities in the evenings during the week and for some weekend exhibits or events. Years ago, one of the reasons for selecting this location was the ample, free and close proximity parking, and the capability for safe wheelchair drop-offs.

Class participants for our programs are often dropped off along the curbside, or from two handicapped designated stalls adjacent to both entryways. In the evenings, support providers park in the 5 stalls which were dedicated by the Alexander Company, for our staff use - though they are labeled Alexander Company 2-hour parking. A drinking establishment utilizing this same area of parking and walkways as people with disabilities, including both cognitive and mobility challenges does not seem safe or wise. It is highly likely that Paint Cafe patrons will use these same stalls forcing class participants with mobility issues to park further away. Persons in wheelchairs take time to disembark and enter buses and vans and will be in the same location as Paint Cafe patrons entering or exiting.

Another concern is that next door patrons are likely to enter our suite by mistake disrupting our classes, since our signage says ARTS for ALL Wisconsin, and they intend to engage in a Paint & Sip event. We do not have a dedicated receptionist at our gallery entrance, so it will be the teacher's responsibility to stop teaching and re-direct the Paint Cafe patron.

Lastly, this location shares restroom facilities with ARTS for ALL Wisconsin. We have a mask and vaccine policy for the safety of all participants and caregivers on-site, because many have health conditions which increase vulnerabilities to infections and COVID. I am very familiar with various behavior changes under the influence of alcohol since I was a bar manager and bartender for many years. Paint Cafe patrons must take off a mask to consume alcohol and are likely to enter restrooms unmasked. I fear the encounters in the bathrooms the most.

Please understand, I do not oppose safe alcohol consumption and I strongly believe in encouraging creative pursuits like this - I only oppose the proximity of an establishment serving alcohol directly next door to ARTS for ALL Wisconsin.

Thank you for your time and attention to listen to my concerns.

Sincerely,
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