

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to let you know that I am extremely opposed to your granting the Irish Pub a liquor license on Monroe St.

While I do not personally live on Monroe or any of the surrounding streets, I spend most of my time in the area. I work at the Young Shakespeare Players (corner of West Lawn and Spooner), go to Edgewood College, and have most of my meals at Barriques, Gallup, Pasquals, or from Trader Joes. I joined YSP 9 years ago when I was 12 and from the start my parents were able to feel okay about letting me wander Monroe St on my own. This was a new experience for me because I live near Allied Dr and was rarely allowed out alone as a kid. I worry that if there is a pub in the area and it ends up attracting a different crowd this freedom will not be available to kids anymore.

One of the reasons why I spend so much time in the Monroe St area is because I love the atmosphere, both in what stores we have and who tends to frequent them. While I do not have an objection to the Irish Pub in and of itself, I object to having any more liquor on a street which is so based on families. The neighborhood has many young children living in it, and YSP has hundreds of kids from ages 7-18 going through it every year. If people want liquor from Monroe Street there are already places to get it. One of the nice things about Monroe Street is that while there is the possibility to buy alcohol it is in a more subdued way. Nobody goes to pizza brutta or barriques with the intention of getting drunk. I also feel like since there is so much liquor already here, having one more place will really tip the balance of the street.

YSP is such a cultural place for young children to be and I would hate to see it be affected because of the businesses which move in around it.

Thank you for your consideration,
Rebecca Young