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Hello,

I am writing to oppose the 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 (AFA) 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. AFA has been at its current location for over ten years.

ARTS for ALL Wisconsin uses its Aberg Avenue facility (known as the Art Center) 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.

The proximity to ARTS for ALL Wisconsin is concerning for several reasons, especially because hours of operation overlap, and restroom facilities are shared. Specific concerns include those listed below. I have even more concerns but am trying to be concise.

AFA holds in person arts classes with people with disabilities ages 16 and up M-Th in the evenings, during which time the proposed Paint Café would also be open. 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 the presence of people under the influence of alcohol is 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.

I am a staff member at AFA, but I write as a concerned member of the community.

Sincerely,

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