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I'm writing in support of the renewal of the Liquor License and entertainment License for the Red Red Rooster, agenda Item number 5 and 6 on May 29th, 2025.

The Red Rooster is a home away from home for many musicians, including myself, in Madison WI and has become one of the few true listening rooms in the area. The Rooster brings in not only local, but many regional acts that wouldn't necessarily have another place to perform here in Madison. If you have ever spent time at this establishment, you would find the patrons encompass a diverse range of ages and backgrounds, as well as races and creeds. In any given evening you may find a number of senior citizens interacting with people ages 21-30, as well as a broad range of ethnic backgrounds mixing together to converse about music and life in general. There are several Doctors, Lawyers, professionals, retirees, and younger people that I have met who frequent this venue. I know this is true because I perform there every first and third Thursday of the month, and have been since May of 2022. Finally, I have known Tim Payne, the owner for several years because of the tight-knit musical community in Madison - he is an upstanding citizen and has worked hard both in his professional and personal life to make the Red Rooster the inviting and safe place.

The events involving Nick Nesthus and his negligence are tragic, and my heart goes out to the families that were affected. However, after reading the complaint filed to the ALRC, I do believe this is an isolated incident that was brought on by himself. Although there are other items listed, they do not seem to rise to the level of non renewal. There must be something that can be done to ensure another year of licensing for the venue, including the continued ability to manage a safe environment.

Thank you,
Steve Malin