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Subject: Regarding the liquor license for Paint Cafe (owned by Hayes Place LLC) at 1709 Aberg Avenue, Suite 2
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Dear Members of the City of Madison Alcohol License Review Committee and Alder Abbas,

I am the Board Chair of Arts for All Wisconsin (and Madison resident), and am writing to express concern about the liquor license for Paint Cafe (owned by Hayes Place LLC) at 1709 Aberg Avenue, Suite 2.

Arts for All Wisconsin is a statewide organization that serves children and adults with disabilities via its arts programs. You can find more information about Arts for All here: <https://www.artsforallwi.org/> The proposed location is next door to our Art Center, and shares a restroom space with our organization. The Art Center is used to provide in-person art classes for individuals with disabilities ages 16 and up on Monday through Thursday evenings. We sometimes hold events on Friday nights and weekends, including gallery openings. In addition to sharing restroom facilities, Paint Cafe's entrance is adjacent to the Art Center entrance, and its hours of operation would overlap with ours. We serve individuals with mental illness and developmental and cognitive disabilities, and are concerned that exposing them to people under the influence of alcohol presents a potential safety issue.

Arts for All staff only just recently learned about Paint Cafe, and have not had a chance to discuss their concerns in detail with Paint Cafe or their landlord. I would like Arts for All staff to have the opportunity to fully address these issues with their landlord and Paint Cafe. My hope is that Paint Cafe, Arts for All and their landlord can come to an understanding/agreement that is amenable to all. Until then, I must oppose Paint Cafe's liquor license application.

Sincerely,

Jason Stephens