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Hello Alder Evers and members of the ALRC,

I am writing in support of the Class B Combination Liquor & Beer licence being sought by a new restaurant called Friends Applaud, proposed for 1602 Gilson Street. I also support the Entertainment license sought by this business.

I own and operate Cargo Coffee, which is nearby at 1309 South Park Street. I look forward to having this exciting restaurant concept in the neighborhood. I routinely talk to many of our neighbors, and I have only heard similar sentiments from them.

I have also had the pleasure of knowing one of the owners, Adam Benedetto, for over two decades. Given his extensive experience in the hospitality field and his good, community-focused character, I have no concerns that Friends Applaud will be anything but a solid asset for our southside community.

Thank you for your service,

Lindsey Lee

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