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Subject: Comment for Madison Bazaar-1901 S. Park Street Application
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Hello,

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight but I would like to share my comment for the review of the liquor license for the former Madison Bazaar at 1901 S Park St.

I am an employee of the Catholic Multicultural Center, a social service agency that is one of the former Madison Bazaar's neighbors. The previous liquor store caused many problems and strife for the CMC and its staff, guests, and volunteers: Liquor store guests climbing over the fence separating our two properties; people loading up on liquor and then entering our property and building drunk, meaning staff had to constantly monitor the property and ask inebriated guests to leave; trash all over our property from empty alcohol containers, etc.

Most importantly, this liquor store is located in the heart of South Madison where many social service agencies like ours are located. We want to see all of our guests struggling with addiction overcome their addiction and build a path to a brighter future, and we offer support to guests when possible and appropriate to do so. Our guests who do start their journey to a life of sobriety had the added burden of temptation immediately in front of them when Madison Bazaar was operating, both in the form of easy access to alcohol and in being in the same vicinity as their peers who have not made the steps to sober living and were constantly hanging around the liquor store drinking. It is harmful, undignified, and counterproductive to have a liquor store operating next door to a social service agency which is trying to help people struggling with many issues including alcohol addiction. I strongly urge the committee to reject this application and any other similar applications within the vicinity of the CMC. Perhaps the building's owners should consider operating mental health and addiction services out of the former space rather than accepting another liquor store as a tenant.

thank you for your consideration,
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