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Hello,

I am writing to oppose the liquor license for Paint Café owned by Hayes Place LLC at <u>1709 Aberg</u> <u>Avenue, Suite 2</u>.

The proposed Paint Cafe location is directly next door and shares restroom facilities with ARTS for ALL (AFA) Wisconsin, 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. It is also adjacent to the Veterans Center, Kaylee's Garden Early Child Care and Education, FEED Kitchens, and the Dane County Job Center.

As Director of Arts Education with ARTS for ALL Wisconsin, I oversee all educational programs, including in-person arts classes for adults with disabilities held at our Aberg location on weekday evenings. Many of the participants for these programs have developmental and cognitive disabilities, and I feel a responsibility to advocate for their safety and comfort in and around our facility.

I am deeply concerned about the Paint Cafe's proximity to ARTS for ALL Wisconsin, and the consumption of alcohol that would accompany the proposed business model. Specific concerns include the following:

- Hours of operation proposed by Paint Café include M-F <u>from 5pm to 11pm</u>. AFA holds in person arts classes with people with disabilities ages 16 and up M-Th in the evenings. 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 Disorder, and consider the presence of people under the influence of alcohol 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 ask that you please consider the above concerns in your review of the liquor license application for Hayes Place LLC, and do not hesitate to reach out with further questions,

Sincerely,

Jill Jaworski Director of Arts Education ARTS for ALL Wisconsin