

Hi there,

I'm a longtime resident of Madison, just across Stoughton Rd, less than a mile from the Red Rooster. I'm a regular customer, and also a longtime local musician, who has played shows there dozens of times. I strongly believe that the December incident was isolated. I've never witnessed or even heard rumblings about any after-hours congregating. As a musician, we're there loading out our instruments after the regular customers leave at 11pm. The bar is always shut down, the customers are out, I've never even witnessed someone being overserved.

Tim and his team have created a really special "third space" (a place to regularly congregate besides work and home) for a lot of people in this community. People of all races and genders feel super safe there. It's a gem. It'd be a real tragedy to lose it.

I hope you consider giving them another chance to show you that they're a responsible member of the business and the music community.

Thank you for your time,

Joan Herzing