

Good afternoon City of Madison,

I am writing this email to you all regarding your want to shut down the Red Rooster because of an unfortunate, and serious situation that happened with one of the former managers. I wasn't around Red Rooster a year ago when these events happened. Lately I've been going to Red Rooster to perform at the open mic comedy that is held every Monday at the Red Rooster. Speaking on behalf of some comedians, and friends, it would be absolutely devastating if Red Rooster was shut down for us. As comedians, writers, and performers, Red Rooster is an integral part of how we work on our material in front of wonderful crowds of patrons who come by to get some food, and a beer and watch something entertaining on the East Side of Madison. The Red Rooster isn't a bar and restaurant people go to just to get wasted, and then irresponsibly get behind the wheel and drive their car. The Red Rooster is a bar and restaurant venue where it bridges the gaps between blues musicians, folk, alternative music, and magic shows, as well as open mic comedy. The bar is usually always filled with families, kids, adults from all ages and backgrounds that come to enjoy some form of local entertainment you don't really get anywhere else in this city. I personally implore the City of Madison to rethink their stance on renewing Red Rooster's alcohol and music license, for taking it away will only take away the opportunity for people in Madison to not only entertain their local community, but it will also take away a space where every person is welcome. No matter WHAT you believe in, the Red Rooster is a warm, welcoming place that makes me feel safe compared bars like The Botanist Social, a bar I was drugged at last September 2024. I think THAT bar would be a much better place to investigate than say, a bar like Red Rooster. Thank you all for your time, your consideration, and I hope you all make the right decision by your community.

With regards,

Evan Danielewski