

Good afternoon,

It has come to my attention the City is reviewing the operating license for the Red Rooster. I am aware the city attorney is recommending the license not be renewed.

I am writing today in support of the Red Rooster. I have attended concerts at the Red Rooster since it opened, nearly one hundred events to date. The loss of the venue will be a sad situation to many regular supporters of the venue. Many of said supporters come from not only Madison but other communities and states, bringing revenue to our city. Additionally, the closing of the Red Rooster will be a detriment to the overall music scene in Madison. To keep the Madison music scene vibrant and exciting, we need multiple venues providing varied styles of music, comedy, and other performances.

There was a tragic event late last year involving a then employee of the Red Rooster. I will not downplay what happened, it was terrible. It is my belief the unfortunate event is an isolated incident. It was certainly a surprise to me. In my many nights at the Red Rooster, I have observed the bartenders and servers. I have not seen a situation in which they overserved a patron. I have, however, seen them deny or end service to patrons that needed to be done for the night. My confidence in the management and staff and their dedication to operating responsibly remains strong.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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