

Dear City of Madison,

I am writing in strong **support** of alcohol and entertainment license renewal for Red Rooster, located on Seiferth Road.

As a long time patron and performer of live local music in Madison, Red Rooster is an incredibly valuable asset to the Madison music community. Put simply, there are very few venues like this in our area.

It is my understanding that Red Rooster's licenses are up for review stemming from an unfortunate incident that occurred last winter. While this incident was undoubtedly tragic, it resulted from the poor decisions of an individual who is no longer associated with the business. As a multiple-time performer at Red Rooster, I have only ever known the ownership to be responsive, committed, and responsible. These are folks who legitimately care about the local community, and show that commitment through action such as hosting a charity event in January for the victims of school violence.

There is nothing to be gained and much to be lost here. I strongly urge the licensing committee to renew alcohol and entertainment licenses for Red Rooster.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dustin Pooler