My name is Frank Rineck, and I am a musician based in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I've been fortunate enough to perform at the Red Rooster venue multiple times, and each time I've played there I've been impressed with the quality of that establishment. Both as a customer and performer, I have always felt that the Rooster is responsibly run and operated. Last year's tragedy involving a former employee of the Rooster is absolutely devastating, but does not reflect the culture of the establishment nor should it affect the long term success of the venue.

I am sending this email to show my support for Tim and his establishment, and to implore the licensing committee to renew the venue's liquor license so they can continue to keep their doors open. Blues clubs are few and far between in our area, and it would be an absolute shame to lose this one. I appreciate your time reading this message, and hope you will take my words into consideration.

Sincerely,

John D. Utphall Musician Eau Claire, WI

(The above statement, written by my friend Frank Rineck expresses my sentiments as well.)