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Subject: Response To Expansion of License 20110002908, St. Thomas Liquor License Expansion
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Hello Mr. Ross Haddow and Mr. Jeff Fischbach,

Enclosed is my response to the application for an expansion of the Liquor License 20110002908, St. Thomas Liquor License Expansion.

Legislative Hearing Officer

310 City Hall

15 West Kellogg Blvd

Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mr.Haddow and Mr. Fischbach, I am vehemently opposed to the request for the expansion of the St. Thomas University existing liquor license. My family and I live on Laurel Ave two houses from Cleveland Ave. Our residence is close to three of the new proposed areas, and not far from the North Athletic Fields and Palmer Athletic Fields.

The proposed expansion includes “sale of alcoholic beverages outdoors at events with more than 150 attendees” in these areas. This number of people indicates large gatherings and likely alumni or people from off campus. Our neighborhood is constantly used for student parking and people visiting the campus. (Even though we are in a parking permit area, a local restaurant has enabled short term parking which is always abused.) I am very concerned this expansion will result in intoxicated people wandering the neighborhood before, during and after the events. Now that St. Thomas competes at the Division 1 sports level the size and intensity of the sporting events will increase. It is common knowledge that fans drink and tailgate before the sporting events and they will park in our neighborhood to access the campus. Given the situation I do not feel St. Thomas should be given the ability to expand the consumption of alcoholic beverages at these large gatherings.

If St. Thomas is given the ability to serve alcohol at the new locations, including outdoor large gatherings, it will create an atmosphere that University condones drinking at events. In addition to the alumni drinking, I believe the students will acknowledge this new message from the University. There have been weekends when our family has been in our back yard and intoxicated students (and alumni) publicly urinate in our alley. Previous years during the Tommie-Johnny games we have had students (and alumni) with cases of beer sitting and laying down in our front yard. The University acknowledged they could not contain the problem and moved the game off campus. However, it is an example of an atmosphere when public drinking was condoned and the neighborhood suffered.

From my years of dealing with these situations I have also learned that St. Thomas can not do

anything once the alumni or students cross Cleveland, Cretin, Selby, or Grand Ave and leave the campus. If a problem develops it now the City of Saint Paul's problem.

I have lived in this neighborhood for over twenty years and have put up with the student parties, the noise, the roving packs of drunk students. I do not think Saint Paul should reward St. Thomas and expand their liquor license which could induce more neighborhood problems. I fail to see the benefit to Saint Paul and its' residents to allow St. Thomas to serve alcohol at large outdoor gatherings and within the residential dormitories.

St. Thomas University has expanded in many ways over the years and neighborhood has endured enough.

Regards, Tim Rowell