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To: Stephen Earnest, Esq., Asst. City Attorney
Fax #: (651) 298-5619
Subject: Tobacco License Violation, New Hope Grocery LLC
Date: April 21, 2022
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RE: Cigarette/Tobacco License, New Hope Grocery LLC
For the premises located at 1132 Payne Avenue, St. Paul
License ID#: 20190003616

Mr. Earnest:

My office represents the above-entitled corporation/store regarding the licensing violations by the store. In response to your letter dated March 22nd, Mr. Al-Khiqany requests to proceed by the second option spelled out in the third page of that letter - that he admits the violations on behalf of the store, but requests to contest the upward departure to a revocation before a public hearing of the St. Paul City Council. Ultimately, he requests the presumptive penalty for a first-time violation of the 10-day license suspension. He acknowledges the impropriety of his actions and seeks to regain the trust of the City with his full compliance in the future.

I understand through Mr. Al-Khiqany that you had previously granted his request to extend the time to respond to your correspondence to today; we appreciate that forbearance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact this office with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

Kurt Robinson

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cc: Saadoun Al-Khiqany, President, New Hope Grocery LLC

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