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via email

Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Chris Tolbert
Councilmember Mitra Jalali

Councilmember Nelsie Yang
Councilmember Jane Prince
Councilmember Russel Balenger

Re: Ord 22-46, Class N Licensing

Council President Brendmoen and Councilmembers:

On behalf of the 1700+ members and affiliates of the St. Paul Area Chamber, who together represent more than 3 million employees and their families, thank you for the opportunity to comment on Ord 22-46, Class N Licensing reform.

The St. Paul Area Chamber would like to express our support for Ordinance 22-46, which streamlines the Class N Business licensing process. We are very appreciative of Councilmember Noecker's leadership on this initiative to make our City more business-friendly.

Eliminating the Class N petition requirements and reducing the notification period to 15 days will remove much of the administrative uncertainty around the licensing process, saving businesses both time and money. Removing several types of businesses that are unlikely to garner public feedback from the Class N notification process will make the licensing process more expedient and efficient for business owners and City staff alike. Finally, framing Class N notifications in a more positive light demonstrates that new businesses are welcomed in the Capitol City, not considered a burden.

We encourage the City Council to adopt this ordinance and look forward to future opportunities to collaborate on policies that support business growth and spur economic development.

Respectfully,



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St. Paul Area Chamber

