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Subject: 2 AM Licensing request for DWD Group LLC, dba Billy's on Grand
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To: Legislative Hearing Officer

Am writing to express my opposition to granting the application for 2 AM closing for Billy's on Grand.

I and my wife reside at 51 Avon St S #23. We purchased our home in December of 2017. Our windows overlook Grand Avenue

We are delighted to be a part of the vibrant community of Grand Avenue here in St. Paul

We frequent many of the businesses along Grand. We enjoy Tavern on Grand, Creamery, Café Latte and many more.

We were living here when the shooting / homicide occurred outside Billy's more than a year ago. We watched from our window as the confrontation escalated, heard the shots and cries from victim's friends. Such an unnecessary tragedy!

We were happy when Billy's finally re-opened under new management and have been largely impressed with the operation of the business. We wish the owners continued success.

Our opposition to the 2 am closing request is simple and straight forward. The block is zoned mixed business and residential for a reason. Not only do we shop and dine here. We live here. My wife and I are supportive of Billy's and wish them great success in responsibly serving the community. We accept the inevitable noise associated with an entertainment/food/liquor establishment like Billy's, and believe the current hours are reasonable.

However, because this is also a residential neighborhood, we believe it reasonable to expect quiet after midnight. Even with the current serving/closing time, we frequently experience residual noise for an additional hour as patrons return to their cars and wrap up conversations at Billy's. We also accept the fact that some patrons arrive and leave by unmuffled or inadequately muffled motorcycles and cars.

We don't want to see that extended to 2 and 3 am. We live here.

Respectfully,

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