



To: The Legislative Hearing Officer:

My name is Darrin Walker and I am the District Manager of Half Price Books. Although I have no objection to the expansion of Tiffany's into the Jimmy John's space, I am writing to object to the application by Walmart Inc. to install additional outdoor seating in front of a proposed expansion.

Our store employees are often required to clean up beer bottles, litter, and even used condoms from the parking lot. Several years ago, a bar patron smashed one of the large front windows of the store which cost \$800 to repair. On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Half Price Books had some contract work done after the store had closed. While the contract work was being done, I observed numerous bar patrons drinking in our parking lot, two women urinating behind the contractor's pick-up, and when leaving, I noticed two individuals had urinated in the small alcove by our side door. The police showed up at one point for some disturbance in front of Tiffany's. Public intoxication is serious issue during the summer and further expansion of their space will only result in further problems.

I urge the city of St. Paul to deny the license application to ensure that Highland Park remains a vibrant yet quiet neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darrin Walker

Half Price Books  
Minnesota District Manager

