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In reference to the proposed variance change request (see below), Heartland is opposed to allowing Veit to extend the hours for a sound level variance request for pile driving to 6:00PM. Our dining rooms open for business at 5:00PM, and the change will most certainly negatively impact our business, especially given the fact that December is our busiest month of the year and could serve to make or break us at fiscal year end. We already have several parties booked in our upstairs private room which overlooks the construction during that time. We cannot suffer any more cancellations than we have already seen. Due to construction, we are already down \$100,000 in revenue from last year which was in turn down about the same from the year before. We still have another year and half of construction disruptions to weather, and further negative impacts would be very difficult to absorb. Heartland is requesting that you deny the change to the variance.

Regards:

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Veit and Company Inc, 14000 Veit Place, Rogers, MN 55374 has applied for a sound level variance for pile driving of beams for temporary shoring needed during building excavation at 5th Street East and Broadway, St Paul preparing for the Lowertown Ballpark. The request is for up to three (3) days, from 7:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. between December 9, 2013 and December 20, 2013. To reduce the impact on nearby residents, DSI is recommending that the variance hours should be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The public hearing is scheduled for November 20, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers.