



November 5, 2015

Richard Kramer
Chair, Charter Commission
1471 Barclay Street
Saint Paul, MN 55106

VIA EMAIL

Re: Proposed Restaurant On-Sale Liquor License Amendments

Dear Chair Kramer:

As the State's largest local chamber and a strong supporter of facilitating economic development through streamlined regulations, the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce (SPACC) strongly supports the proposed Restaurant On-Sale Liquor License Amendments. These amendments will increase the opportunities for restaurants to obtain on-sale liquor licenses as well as ensuring a strong definition of "restaurant" that provides DSI the ability to promote and protect public health, safety, and livability.

Additionally, SPACC wishes to commend the city for the strong and transparent public process that went into forming the proposed amendments. The public process was inclusive, thoughtful, and it reflects the current economic realities of liquor and food sales. These amendments are an example of local government at its best and by approving them the city of Saint Paul will facilitate additional private investment throughout the city. In short, SPACC is completely supportive of the proposed amendments and we believe they will be a major factor in encouraging development and vibrancy throughout Saint Paul.

Sincerely,

Matt Kramer
President & CEO