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Dear Legislative Hearing Officer and Saint Paul City Council,

I am writing to express my explicit support for the granting of a Class A Entertainment License to Bad Weather Brewing Company. Approval of the license would allow the ownership and management of Bad Weather to continue to serve this community as a culturally enriching neighborhood amenity in the City of Saint Paul.

Bad Weather is applying for the license in the hopes of occasionally hosting live music in their retail space, which has become relatively standard amenity in Twin Cities taprooms. As a neighbor and a member of the West 7th business community, I have noticed an increased demand in our neighborhood for live music experiences and other entertainment. Interest in these types of cultural programming are exemplified by the success of events like the neighborhood's Grand Oak Opry, and the opening of venues like the North Garden Theater.

I have had countless interactions with the owners and staff at Bad Weather since they opened and I have always found them to be courteous and conscientious about their immediate neighbors and the community at large—often even donating their event space to neighborhood events like fundraisers and community meetings.

I have been thrilled to watch Bad Weather become a valued community hub in my neighborhood over the past couple of years. It is my hope that this license will allow them to continue to draw a diverse clientele who will spend increasingly more time and money in our wonderful neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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