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Legislative Hearing Officer

310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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Dear Jeff Fischbach,

I am writing to you today in regards to the license application for Mounds Park Sports Bar LLC and their request to gain a liquor license that would extend their operating hours until 2 AM.

As a member of this community, I am extremely concerned about the proposition of Mounds Park Sports Bar being open until 2 AM. If they stay open later, patrons will continue to act as a noisy disturbance late into the night. I am the mother of two young children, and I worry about their ability to get the sleep they need if this business is allowed to operate an hour later. As a high school teacher, I also understand that students of all ages need to get a restful nights sleep to live happy and healthy lives. Many studies have found nocturnal noise pollution significantly impairs sleep, both objectively and subjectively. Many houses are near Mounds Park Sports Bar, including some on the same block as well as directly behind it, and all will be affected by this additional noise pollution that would disrupt necessary restful sleep.

While increasing the operating hours for a grocery store or a coffee shop can increase property value in the adjacent neighborhood, the opposite could happen by extending the hours of a loud or otherwise bothersome business, like Mounds Park Sports Bar. It is not uncommon for people who have patronized the bars on the corner to loiter in the neighborhood after the establishments have closed. On at least one occasion I have returned home at a late hour to an intoxicated person on my stairs. The impact of this action could also compound. If you allow Mounds Park Sports Bar to extend their operating hours until 2 AM, the neighboring St. Paul Saloon will possibly make a similar request, and all adverse impacts would double. This snowball effect of approving this license could be detrimental to our local community. So please, consider denying the application.

Sincerely,

Miranda Godfread