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Good Afternoon,

I am writing regarding an upcoming City Council vote on changing the restriction regarding the half mile requirement for off-sale liquor licenses.

While I understand the need to want to limit the distance between liquor/wine establishments in residential areas, that is becoming less and less practical in serving the needs of a community that prefers to stay local and shop local.

It would be great to have more options than Total Wine and MGM to purchase a decent bottle of wine or without having to drive from one end of Saint Paul to the other. In addition, continuing restrictions like the half mile radius stifles future business opportunities for entrepreneurs. We won't see creative business plans because only the 'tried and true' establishments are able to operate.

I hope you consider making this change to allow for greater opportunities in parts of our city that are seeing more investment, whether it be near Payne Ave on the East Side or the new Ford Plant site in Highland Park or somewhere else that isn't being served by their local businesses.

Sincerely,
Rachel Horne
Resident of Saint Paul