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Subject:	Proposed change to distance requirements for off-sale liquor stores
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you in opposition to the proposed change in distance to the one-half mile rule for offsale liquor licenses in St. Paul. There are a very limited number of off-sale licenses and the city of St. Paul has a very large footprint, so stacking liquor stores on top of each other seems very foolish. I have seen what happened in other cities with no limit. Generally, one store will go out of business with no additional tax revenue to the city.

The question that needs to be asked here is who would benefit from this change? If it is being driven by a small group (single person?) and potentially jeopardizing the existing tax paying stores I would hope the council has explanation other than the one mentioned in the email. Seeking to stimulate opportunities for small business has nothing to do with a distance rule and reeks of favoritism.

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