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## Hello,

My name is Sarah and I'm a resident on the 1600 block of Breda Avenue in Saint Paul. While I understand the business behind my home (Saint Bark) is looking to change our zoning from industrial to commercial, I would like to voice my overall concern.

With this business, we will see an increase of people into our neighborhood, increasing the overall amount of noise and traffic. As I understand, this business is applying for a change in zoning to serve alcohol and have later hours. As this business shares our alley space, I'm concerned about the potential of people driving under the influence through the neighborhood, and other disturbances they may cause under the influence of alcohol. There are several small children on this block, including my own, and I am concerned for their safety. I also understand this business will have a recreational area for dogs, and I'm concerned about dogs who may not be on leashes or running through the parking lot. I have already witnessed unleashed dogs on the property outside.

Overall, I don't feel that the people who are running this business are invested in the neighborhood in which they intend to run. They have yet to introduce themselves to the majority of the neighbors on the block. It's a small block of homes, but filled with families that have small children and elderly people. There are also schools within a block with elementary age children, and I am concerned for everyone's safety with having a bar in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your time. Sarah Farber 1616 Breda Ave St. Paul, MN 55108

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