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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to voice my disapproval of the modifications proposed to the existing liquor licence for St. Thomas University.

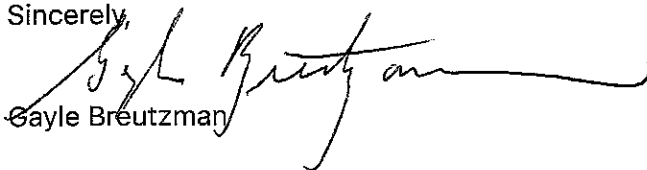
Is the St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections aware that St. Thomas University is located in the middle of several neighborhoods? The map sent by the Department shows that the institution already has 19 existing locations on it's grounds where alcohol can be served. It needs six more? Why?

There are restaurants, bars and a liquor store close to St. Thomas that need the business of the campus students and visitors. Alcohol does not need to be served at every venue. Isn't St. Thomas an academic institution?

St. Thomas spokespeople state that the institution "wants to be a good neighbor." It is becoming glaringly apparent, however, that what St. Thomas University really wants is to enlarge its property, buildings and financial statements. I already subsidize St. Thomas with my taxes and deal on a daily basis with the pedestrian, parking and noise issues. There is no reason why I should subsidize more alcohol use within one block of my home. As for Saint Thomas Security.....having a telephone number to call and report issues is not adequate. Someone must respond, and promptly. Has the St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections signed off on a St. Thomas proposal for security personnel numbers, area coverage and formal reporting/resolution of incidents? Might be a good place to start.

Saint Thomas is an educational institution, reportedly, not a bar and entertainment venue. I support the education, not the modification to the University's liquor licence.

Sincerely,


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