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Subject: Response to License Application for the Groveland Tap - Strongly Oppose
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To whomever this may concern,

We wanted to send an email regarding the expansion of the Groveland Tap and their application for extended liquor licenses. We live on the northwest corner of Fairview and Berkeley Ave's(1823 Berkeley Ave) and have been here for 6 years.

We have dealt with the heavy traffic that the Tap brings, which includes; not being able to park in front of our house Thursday-Sundays, individuals using our driveway (which opens onto Fairview and is directly across the alley from the parking lot on the corner) as an idling spot and/or turnaround place (often prohibiting us from entering our garage when returning from daycare pickup and/or work), garbage on the boulevard along Fairview, as well as garbage thrown over our privacy fence into our backyard, delivery trucks on Fairview and in the alley (which often block traffic on both Fairview and in the alley, and also blocks our driveway), and occasionally loud patrons leaving the tap and coming to their cars on Berkeley Ave late in the evenings.

We were surprised this summer when construction began on the expansion for the patio, as we had not received any notification from the Tap regarding an expansion.

We are worried that the expansion, especially when combined with the application for expanded liquor license, will bring even more traffic to the area, and will increase the incidence of loud patrons late in the evening, as well as garbage along our boulevard, and our yard.

The letter we received states the Tap will 'monitor and control patron noise diligently' which does not reassure us at all that noise levels will remain acceptable. With increased liquor sales comes increased noise levels, no matter what staff may try to do to prevent this. We feel the increased liquor sales, combined with more patrons in general, will change the nature of the type of patrons who normally visit the tap.

Our biggest concern is regarding the use of our driveway, which has already been an issue without the expansion (and thus more patrons). I'm afraid of not being able to get out of our driveway in an emergency (we have a child with special medical needs who makes frequent trips to the ER) as we have had cars idling in our driveway, using it as a turnaround, etc. as well as delivery trucks that block the alley and traffic on Fairview Ave (often at the same time), as well as our driveway.

We feel annoyed that the Tap has not had better communication with the neighbors regarding these recent changes. As a mom of two very young children, I worry tremendously about the impact the expansion and liquor license will have on our neighborhood, most notably the increased traffic, noise level and garbage that will most definitely follow. As such, we would like to let you know that we strongly oppose the request of the Tap to add a new liquor outdoor service area (obviously too late to oppose the actual expansion, which they never told us about) as well as expand the indoor on-sale liquor service area. We strongly believe that these liquor additions will further exacerbate the issues we have already faced

living behind the tap. We are extremely disappointed that an establishment that prides itself on being family and neighborhood friendly did not have the courtesy to notify their neighbors regarding these recent changes.

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