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Chairman Charles Burger
Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Agency, Suite 700
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Dear Chairman Burger,

At the request of a resident of ANC 6A, we have researched and recently held an open meeting discussion of the current geographical limitation related to those who protest a liquor license renewal or application. That is, we looked at the issue of whether there is current regulation which requires a protestant to live near the establishment that they were protesting.

There was diverse opinion ranging from on end of the spectrum - *those who live outside the district but work here to be a party to a protest* and to the other end - *protestants must reside within a certain radius (a few hundred yards to a few miles) to have standing within the protest*. The conclusion of our research was that there was no current limitation on proximity to the liquor licensee, but that the protestant must reside in the District.

Assuming that our research is an accurate interpretation of current regulation, we recommend that this issue be reviewed. While our diverse opinions leave us without a proposed solution, we believe that this issue should be examined. Our concern is that the opinion of a protestant that resides within blocks an establishment could be very different than a resident who, for instance, might attend church nearby and have infrequent exposure to the neighborhood. In short, should each have the same standing?

We would be happy to provide a summary of the diverse perspectives on this issue that were raised by the Commission. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Marty Beatty, chair of our Alcohol Beverage Liquor Licensing Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A