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65th Assembly District

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Dennis Rosen
Chairman, New York State Liquor Authority
80 South Swan Street
Albany, NY 12210

Re: UES Rest Corp. d/b/a Saloon

Dear Chairman Rosen:

We are writing to urge the New York State Liquor Authority to deny the application for a new liquor license submitted by Upper East Side Restaurant Corporation's (d/b/a Saloon), located at 1584 York Avenue in our district.

Since it opened, Saloon has caused problems for area residents. Our offices have received a steady stream of complaints, including fights, destruction of private property, public urination, and noise from people patronizing this establishment.

Initially, when Saloon changed ownership, Manhattan Community Board 8's Street Life Committee offered its conditional approval for the new owner's request for a liquor license, requiring the new owners to submit a letter to the Community Board acknowledging and committing to resolving ongoing issues in cooperation with the community. Unfortunately, the letter Saloon sent referred only to "alleged" problems and offered no concrete commitment to work with the community to resolve any particular issue. The full board subsequently voted to deny the liquor license application. Copies of Saloon's letter and community board's resolution are attached.

Saloon has been a problem establishment for too long and we agree with Manhattan Community Board 8 that the new owners seem unwilling to make a concrete commitment to being good neighbors. Continuing to license this establishment would negatively impact area residents we urge the SLA to deny the application.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Micah Z. Kellner
Assembly Member

Liz Krueger
State Senator

Jessica S. Lappin
Council Member

cc: Michael E. Jones, New York State Liquor Authority
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