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The Honorable Common Council
City of Milwaukee
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**Re: Common Council File: 06-0515
License Renewal – Class “B” Tavern and
Tavern Amusement Cabaret License of The Jungle**

Dear Honorable Members:

I am an attorney representing Mr. Don Arenson, a resident living in Downtown Milwaukee a few door down from the bar known as The Jungle. At your September 26, 2006 Common Council meeting, you will be reviewing and acting upon the recommendation of the Licenses Committee for a second, consecutive, 90-day suspension of the Class “B” Tavern License issued to Ms. Jody Kornfehl, proprietor of The Jungle. By now, I suspect this matter is well known to you.

It is always been the position of my client that, while this is a matter of great concern to him personally, the issues surrounding The Jungle implicate greater societal problems currently facing the City of Milwaukee.

As the record indicates, the Milwaukee Police Department has done its part with regard to The Jungle. In large part, that is the crux of the problem facing the Common Council today. The police are so attentive to these premises because of its continued problems, other parts of the police first district, and other districts all together have had their police pulled to cover either The Jungle or other parts of downtown when all first district police are occupied at The Jungle. This is not a criticism of the Milwaukee Police Department. On the contrary, their actions in these matters have been exemplary. The record with regard to the required police presence surrounding the operations of The Jungle is extensive, and troubling.

On September 11, 2006, I again appeared before the Licenses Committee to plead my client’s case and request that the Committee not renew The Jungle’s Class B License. This time however, in addition to Alderman Bauman and Mr. Arenson testifying against renewal, the Downtown Business District sent a representative to voice its opposition, and, more importantly,

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the police sergeant present noted on the record that Police Chief Nanette Hagerty authorized him to oppose renewal on her behalf, and that of the Milwaukee Police Department.

The Committee ultimately voted to recommend an additional 90-day suspension based on a police report of fighting at that location. The written objections from Ms. Kornfehl's counsel paint an inaccurate picture of the September 11, 2006 meeting. We had not intended to show video, but once it was discussed, the Committee felt they should view it. The video is admittedly less compelling than we had hoped, but this does not change the fact that a fight did occur, the police were called, and a police report was issued.

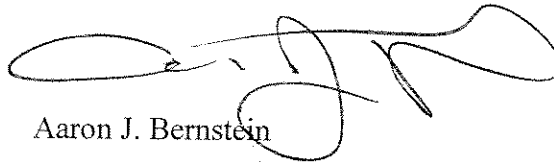
Unfortunately, the Common Council Rules do not allow me to appear before you on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 to try to persuade you not to follow the Committee recommendation for a suspension and renewal, but rather consider a motion for non-renewal of the license.

We feel that, in the words of Alderman Donovan's Petition, "enough is enough." The Common Council has a golden opportunity on Tuesday to address head-on, some of the difficult issues facing the City of Milwaukee, namely scarce police resources.

It is our deepest hope that the actions of the Common Council on Tuesday will parallel the members' public stances on crime, police resources, and the quality of life in the City of Milwaukee, and not renew this license.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron J. Bernstein". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke at the top.

Aaron J. Bernstein

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cc: Mayor Tom Barrett
Chief Nanette Hagerty, Milwaukee Police Department
City Clerk
City Attorney's Office
Mr. Don Arenson