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Greetings Mr Kovac!

I hope you're doing well. I can't be there in person today, but I wanted to drop you a quick line in support of those who will be in attendance.

As a home-owning taxpayer, local record label owner, musician and longtime supporter of local music, I support redefining the ordinance as it relates to how center for visual and performing arts are defined.

Updating this ordinance will allow small venues to offer all-ages experiences in the city of Milwaukee. X-Ray Arcade (formerly Metal Grille and Vnuk's) has successfully booked all-ages entertainment in a venue of similar size to a Milwaukee mainstay like Cactus Club without issue.

I urge you to support the youth and local performing arts scene and allow small venues to apply for this licensing. There aren't enough safe, all ages options in the city of Milwaukee.

This is a recognized problem and the law should be changed to be more inclusive, rather than only benefitting large venues. Those large venues do not support the small bands formed locally by young people nor do they bother with the smaller, independent tours that young people want to see. This essentially makes those big venues the gatekeepers, and it's these small clubs that are vital to the music scene.

Give the small venues an opportunity to make this town known for its support of the arts, so artists don't keep skipping over our city when they're booking their tours.

Thanks in advance for your consideration,

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<https://milwaukeerecord.com/music/sideb-side-milwaukee-need-ages-venues/>

<https://radiomilwaukee.org/discover-music/tapd-in/all-ages-venues-milwaukee/>

<https://www.milwaukeemag.com/welcome-freespace-one-milwaukees-ages-music-venues/>

<https://www.jsonline.com/picture-gallery/news/2019/05/14/popular-concert-hall-strip-club-become-all-ages-music-venue/3506363002/>