



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

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Members of the DC Council
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

RE: Reduction of Noise from Liquor-licensed Established (ABRA)

Dear Mayor Bowser, Attorney General Racine, and Members of the DC Council,

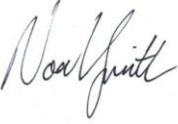
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B asks that you act in early 2015 to address the disturbance to peace, order, and quiet created by amplified music emanating from on-premises alcoholic beverage retailers.

First, we believe the agencies responsible for enforcing noise laws at liquor-selling establishments should improve their enforcement of existing noise laws. We hope you will be leaders in interagency collaboration among the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Authority (ABRA), the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). The 2014 ABRA noise task force is a starting place from which to draw experience to improve the effectiveness of noise enforcement.

Second, as diminishing noise from liquor selling establishments is a crucial quality of life concern for those who live, work, and play in The District, we believe now is also the time to study ways to systemically improve the noise laws and regulations that govern noise related to alcohol establishments.

While Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B contains just 3% of DC residents, we have a disproportionate number of liquor selling establishments in our ANC. We look forward to working with you to establish a framework for noise control in the District.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noah Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Noah Smith
Chair

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