

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

May 13, 2010

The Honorable Charles Brodsky Chairman Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 1250 U Street, NW, Third Floor Washington, DC 20009

Re: License Renewal Protest of Townhouse Tavern, 1637 R St., NW

Dear Chairman Brodsky:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2010, the Dupont Circle ANC 2B voted to protest the renewal of a liquor license for The Townhouse Tavern, located at 1637 R Street, NW, by a vote of 7-0, with no abstentions. Commissioner Silverstein did not participate in this matter due to his position on the ABC Board. We lodge our protest on the basis of peace, order and quiet, subject to the successful negotiation of a voluntary agreement.

We also note that the owners of The Townhouse Tavern have two (2) outstanding and unpaid infractions pending at the Office of Planning for construction work without a permit within an historic district. Each infraction has been issued a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00. The first infraction was issued on December 29, 2009, and the second on December 31, 2009. We are happy to provide copies of these infractions at the Board's request.

Our representative on this matter is Commissioner Jack Jacobson (ANC 2B04), and he can be reached at 202-251-7644 or via email at <u>jack.jacobson@dupontcircleanc.net</u>.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

William F. Stephens, Chairman

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