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Office of the General Counsel  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration  
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Dear ABRA Board Members:

I am writing to share my views on a new alcohol license application that you are considering. Specifically, a CT (tavern) license application (ABRA-094842) for Saloon 45, 1821 18<sup>th</sup> Street NW, seeking to establish a tavern with minimum food sales and a summer garden with entrances onto Swann Street, NW and alcohol sales until 2:00am Monday-Thursday and 3:00am Friday and Saturday.

As the relevant ANC who would be impacted by this new establishment, ANC 2B has discussed and received public comments on the proposed establishment at a public meeting on May 19, 2014. Based on these discussions and the sentiment of the surrounding community, including residents on the 1700 block of Swann Street, the ANC voted to protest the license application on the grounds of peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, and parking concerns. They expressed specific concerns related to lack of history of the operator, limited to no drawings available for the interior and exterior space and seating arrangement, substantial concerns among neighbors about the loss of retail in this corridor to liquor-serving establishments, parking concerns in this part of the neighborhood, and trash management. Additionally, I have heard concerns from neighbors that the summer garden with entrances on Swann Street and exterior alcohol sales until 2:00am Monday-Thursday and 3:00am Friday and Saturday will significantly disturb the peace, order, and quiet of the 1700 block of Swann Street, NW.

In keeping with the opinion of my constituents and the ANC, I would urge ABRA to deny this license application.

As always, I appreciate your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Evans", written over a large, stylized flourish that extends upwards and to the right.

Jack Evans  
Councilmember, Ward 2