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Commissioner Edward Kelly
New York State Liquor Authority
84 Holland Avenue, 2nd floor, A-Wing
Albany, NY 12208

Re: BD Stanhope LLC and Maritime F&B LLC d/b/a Maritime Hotel

Dear Commissioner Kelly,

On March 8, we sent you a letter regarding the liquor license alteration applications of BD Stanhope LLC and Maritime F&B LLC, d/b/a the Maritime Hotel (see attached). We were originally notified of the alteration plans by letters dated January 24, 2005. We reviewed the applications at the February 8, 2005 meeting of our Business Licenses & Permits Committee. At that time, we became seriously concerned that the hotel was planning to use the alteration applications as a way to evade the City's cabaret licensing laws. We remain so concerned.

BD Stanhope LLC and Maritime F&B LLC have sent us two new letters, dated April 11, 2005, that are virtually identical to the January letters. The only change is that the January BD Stanhope letter referred to "an alteration and additional bar application" while the January Maritime F&B letter referred only to "an alteration." These phrases have been swapped in the April letters. At the May 10 meeting of our Business Licenses & Permits Committee, the applicants' attorney stated that the only change from the business plan discussed at our February meeting was that a different corporation would be involved in the alteration. If there is in fact a third corporation involved in this alteration application, we have received inadequate notice.

More importantly, since our last letter, the New York Police Department has visited the hotel several times, and served the applicant with numerous violations, including summonses for unlicensed cabaret activity. It appears that the community complaints we received about the hotel running an illegal nightclub have therefore been substantiated, and we are now even more concerned about this alteration application.

We urge you to contact the Tenth Precinct and the Department of Consumer Affairs, and to thoroughly investigate this alteration application.

Sincerely yours,

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