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City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
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Baltimore City Liquor Board  
231 East Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regard to the Lowell's Liquor Store which is located in the 3200 block of Woodland Ave. We as a community do have concerns with the rash of violence in our community, but we also want to be realistic with cause of the problems in our community.

We as a community do not condone all of the liquor stores in our community, but we do want to say that we gave our support to Lowell's liquor store to relocate on the Park Heights Ave. This would be better for this business and the community. I do want to say that this business for now is the only source of life/light in the 3200 block of Woodland Ave right now and particularly when community residents are returning or leaving their community from the Park Heights and Woodland side for whatever reasons.

This liquor store have since it have been at this location has supported the community and have called on the immediate community for help and support as they have faced challenges. Question we ask ourselves is: Did this liquor store put the gun in the hands of the shooter and then welcome these people into their property or did the persons who where the victims saw this business as a place to run for help because of the light. Do we close down every business, no matter what they sell as long as it is licensed and legal or evict people from their home or deny them opportunity if there is a disturbance or trouble in front of or in the property because someone needs help?

We as a community feel as though the real issue needs to be addressed and that is adequate programming for our youth, jobs, parenting skills, anger management, GED programs and removing the weapons from the community. We again do not want all of these liquor stores in our community, but is it fair to stop this business from making a living the same as the other businesses and continue to contribute to our tax base in our community. What are these people the Lowell liquor store owners to do for a living?

They are not young in age and they have suffered loses in our community also in regard to their business, they too need to survive and earn a living.

We do not have any objections to this business moving on Park Heights and do not welcome any additional liquor businesses in the Park Heights Community. We do hope the voices that are objecting this family/business from moving and their business surviving look at the real issues in our community and address them so that the Park Heights Community can become a safer environment and be restored to it greatness.

Sincerely,

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CC: Lowell's Liquor