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March 21, 2013

Jane M. Schroeder, Deputy Executive Secretary  
Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City  
231 E. Baltimore Street – 6th Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Ms. Schroeder:

This letter is in support of the transfer of the Class BD7 liquor license at 1015 S. Charles Street to LL Charles, LLC (John William Ruppert, III), under the condition that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) tentatively agreed to by both Mr. Ruppert and the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA), is successfully executed prior to this hearing before the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

This letter of support is conditioned upon the fact that this transfer does not increase the maximum occupancy of the existing establishment, thus not increasing the total number of patrons in Federal Hill.

I spoke with Mr. Ruppert and he has assured me that The Hill will remain a restaurant similar to the existing establishment. In addition, Mr. Ruppert, and one of the current owners, Mr. Tony Pettaway, attended the FHNA General Membership meeting twice to discuss their plans. Our membership voted unanimously to direct me to voice FHNA's support for this transfer, under the condition that an MOU is successfully executed prior to the hearing. We certainly appreciate their willingness to engage the community on such notice and have no issues with their proposed plans. We look forward to welcoming them to the Federal Hill community.

If you have questions, please contact me directly at [costello.eric@gmail.com](mailto:costello.eric@gmail.com) or 607-743-8926.

Sincerely,

Eric Costello, President  
Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

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John William Ruppert, III (c/o Jake Ruppert), Proposed Licensee

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