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Faith S. Diehl, Esquire
Chief Counsel
PA Liquor Control Board
Northwest Office Building
Capital at Forster Streets
Harrisburg, PA 17124

Re: Proposed form of Conditional Licensing Agreement

License: Liquor License No. R-12608, LID 67404

Applicant: Matteo's LLC

Dear Ms. Diehl:

I submit with this letter for the Board's consideration a proposed form of Conditional Licensing Agreement jointly endorsed by Lawrenceville United and the Applicant, Matteo's, LLC, with respect to the proposed transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-12608, LID 67404.

Lawrenceville United is a community organization, which represents the residents and business owners of the Lawrenceville neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Lawrenceville United and its constituent members have legitimate concerns over the potential consequences of irresponsibly operated licensed liquor establishments in the community. In an effort to encourage and attract responsible owners and operators of licensed establishments, Lawrenceville United facilitates meetings between prospective licensees and the community to discuss and address the legitimate concerns of those residents and business owners likely to be affected by the proposed establishment.

As a result of these meetings, the owner and community members have developed a shared understanding of the business practices and licensing conditions that will ensure a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the licensed establishment and the surrounding community. Through this cooperative process, Lawrenceville United and the Applicant seek to avoid the need for intervention and protest in the license transfer process. As you know, the only statutory procedure by which affected community members may seek to formally be heard by the LCB is through petition to intervene. Lawrenceville United and its constituents applaud the Applicant's cooperation and willingness to hear and address the community's concerns, and certainly do not wish to in anyway impede the opening of their business. To the contrary, the Applicant has demonstrated that it is exactly the type of business Lawrenceville looks to attract and will no doubt be a good neighbor. Thus, rather than seek to intervene or protest the transfer, Lawrenceville United, in conjunction with the Applicant, request that the Board accept the enclosed Conditional Licensing Agreement and make it a part of the Applicant's license. With the adoption of the CLA, and the expressed commitment to adhere to the principals set forth therein, Lawrenceville United wholeheartedly supports the Applicant and requests that the Board grant the transfer application.

Very truly yours,

Lauren Byrne
Executive Director, Lawrenceville United