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To: Chair Palacio & Members of the Licensing & Standards Committee,

Dear Councillor Palacio,

RE: Liquor Licence Applications

I act for the Toronto Restaurant Industry (ORHMA). We are following up from our appearance before your Committee on June 26th

As you know, significant financial hardship is being caused to numerous applicants for liquor licenses as a result of the resolution passed by City Council on April 1st requiring local MPPs to support liquor license applications.

In light of your Committee's resolution of June 26th (LS29.2) and in light of the fact that City Council passed a resolution on December 16, 2013 (MM45.16) to establish a **Restaurant Working Group** to establish "a framework for better compliance and enforcement of City by-laws as they relate to restaurants, bars and entertainment establishments, including possible changes to the provincial liquor licensing processes" and that the **Restaurant Working Group** is about to commence its work, we are asking your Committee to recommend to City Council at its meeting on August 25th to rescind paragraph 5 of the Resolution of April 1st which reads as follows:

5. *City Council direct the City Clerk to declare that each liquor licence application is not in the public interest unless the applicant has filed with the City Clerk:*
 - a. *an enforceable undertaking that the applicant or all managers of the premises will take the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Safer Bars program within 12 months of the issuance of the liquor licence; and*
 - b. *a letter from the local MPP supporting the application for the liquor licence at the premises.*

We believe that it is critical to have the **Restaurant Working Group** Working as established by City Council last December begin its work immediately so that reasonable compromises and an efficient liquor license administration and enforcement regime can be achieved for the City of Toronto.

Yours truly,

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